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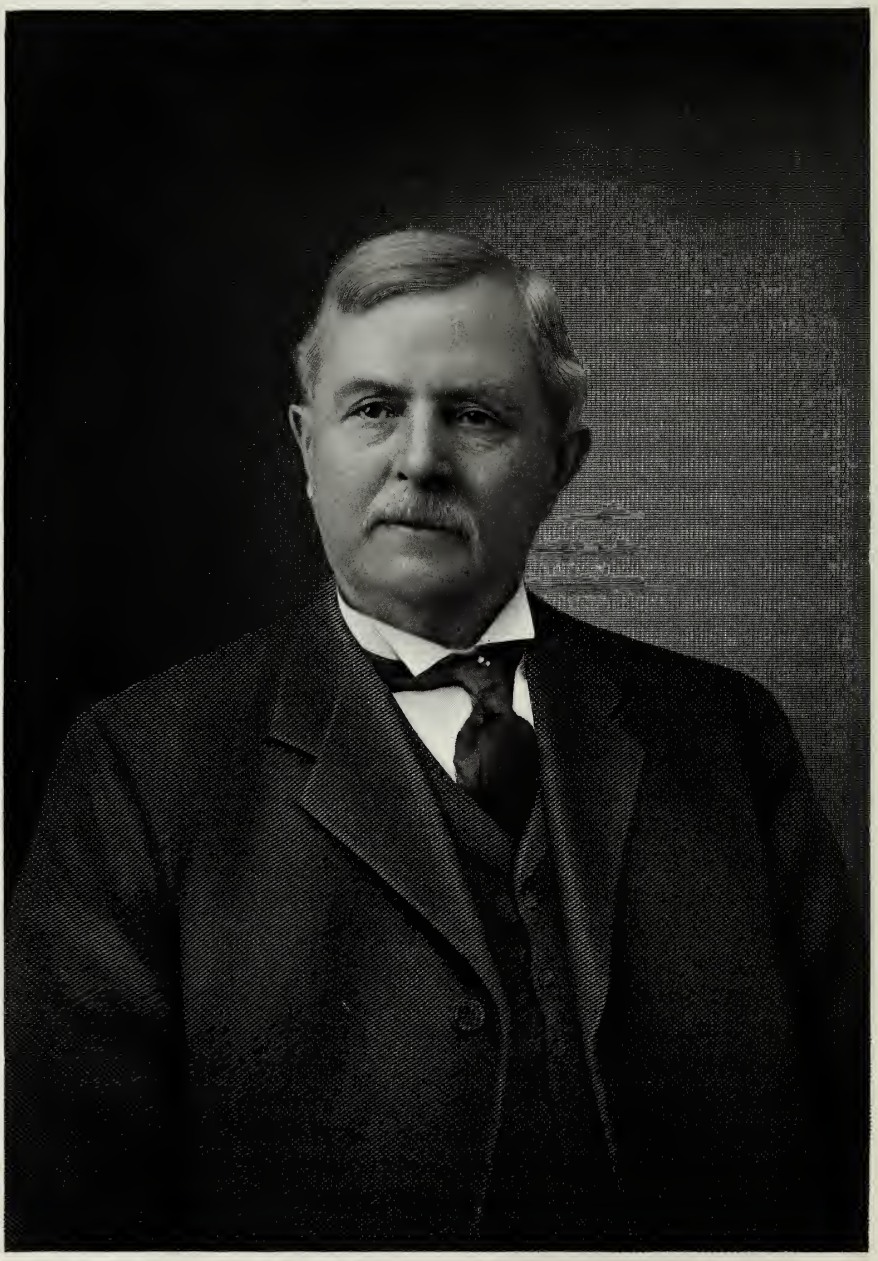
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BIOGRAPHICAL

JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, A. M., M. D., late of Leechburg, a distinguished physician and surgeon in practice here continuously for nearly forty-six years, had not only become prominent in his profession but also made a name for himself as a good citizen in other activities, especially in his long and honored connection with the Leechburg school board. It is the privilege of few men to win such high esteem among their fellows as he enjoyed, and his death, which occurred July 12, 1912, was regarded as a public loss.

Dr. Armstrong was born Aug. 18, 1838, in Allegheny township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., son of John Armstrong and grandson of Robert Armstrong, the latter a native of the north of Ireland who came to this country and settled in Westmoreland county, Pa., about 1820. He followed farming on land he purchased in Allegheny township, and was also engaged upon the construction of the Pennsylvania canal in his section. He died upon his farm and is buried at Brookland cemetery in Allegheny township. His wife, Eleanor (McKee), who was also from the North of Ireland, is buried in the same cemetery. They had the following children: John; Alexander; Thomas; David; Jane, who married George Patterson; Margaret, who married John Bole; and Elizabeth, who married William Copeland.

John Armstrong, son of Robert, was born in Ireland in 1796. There he married Sarah Ann Armstrong (not a member of the same family), who was of Scottish descent, and they emigrated to the New World before his father came, crossing the ocean in 1826 and two years later, in 1828, settling in Westmoreland county. There he purchased a farm in Allegheny township which he paid for with his earnings as a contractor for excavations on the old Pennsylvania canal. He was a man of fair education for his day and appreciated the advantages of schools, and he gave all his children good opportunities. He was a strict member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and was bitterly opposed to human servitude, so much so that he would not associate with either of the great political parties of his day because slavery was tolerated in this country and sanctioned in some measure by both. He was very well known in his section. A few years before his death he removed to Leechburg, Armstrong county, where he died in 1872, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife died in 1877 in her seventy-fifth year. Both are buried in the Brookland cemetery in Allegheny township, Westmoreland county. They had the following children: Eleanor married Hugh McElroy; Adam C. served as a member of the House of Representatives from Kentucky, was principal of an academy in that State and also served as superintendent of schools in Bracken county, Ky. (he was accidentally killed in that State); Robert was a farmer in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he died; David, an artist by profession, died in Westmoreland county, Pa., in 1909; Elizabeth (deceased) married Hiram Steele; John A. is mentioned below; Sarah A. (deceased) was the wife of James D. Boale; Samuel S. lived on the old homestead; Mary J. married Milton Free, who is deceased; Margaret married William J. Sproull, of Parnassus, Pa., who is deceased.

John A. Armstrong attended public school in his home district, and later was a student in academies at Leechburg and Pittsburgh, Pa. He then entered Washington and Jefferson College at Washington, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in June, 1862, after which he began the study of medicine. In 1863, however, he joined the Union Army as a member of Company K, 54th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and served about three months with that command. On Aug. 29, 1864, he enlisted in Company I, 205th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Heavy Artillery, with which he served to the close of the war, being honorably discharged June 13, 1865, at Vienna, Va. Returning home he resumed his medical studies, in September, 1865, entering Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, where he completed the course, graduating in

1867. In May of that year he opened an office at Leechburg, where he built up a large practice during his long career. He supplemented his early preparation by further study, having taken a full course at one of the leading Philadelphia hospitals after his graduation from medical college. His literary education was unusually thorough, and he had the honor of receiving the A. M. degree from his alma mater. Dr. Armstrong showed his progressive disposition in his connection with various important local enterprises. At one time he was interested in the steel mill at Leechburg, and he was one of the pioneers in the natural gas business, being one of the owners that sunk the first well in this section when gas was used in the manufacture of steel at Leechburg. For twenty-five years he was a member of the borough school board and throughout that period served as secretary of that body, his services being highly appreciated. In 1900 the Doctor took a vacation abroad, making a three months' trip, during which he visited the home of his ancestors in Ireland and attended the Paris exposition.

The Doctor's lovable personality was feelingly delineated by his local colleague, Dr. Hunter (whose death has occurred since Dr. Armstrong's), who wrote of him: "He was a graduate of the Washington and Jefferson Literary College, at Washington, Pa., then graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. We practiced here as physicians nearly forty-six years, and while never partners our relations were more like those of brothers. We would leave our patients to each other during an absence or when it was impossible for one to visit patients. We never had a difference. He was an excellent physician and surgeon, honorable and upright in every way, and greatly deserved the esteem in which he was held by all. He was a prominent and active worker in the Presbyterian Church and taught the men's Bible class in that church for years. Dr. Armstrong had the analytical mind and was careful in his judgment in all matters."

Of Doctors Armstrong and Hunter it was said: "The medical profession points to those noble men as the highest and best examples of medical men and brothers, for they were not only the most admirable type of the family physicians, friend and adviser, but Christian gentlemen and brother physicians in all that implies. Both are now dead, but their lives and work will never be forgotten."

On April 2, 1868, Dr. Armstrong married Amanda Catherine McKallip, daughter of Henry K. and Mary (Keely) McKallip, of Leechburg, and they had four children: May Blanche married H. W. Beale and resided at Leechburg after his death until her marriage on Jan. 28, 1914, to George A. Walker, insurance solicitor of Pittsburgh; Ann Orr is the wife of Lewis Hicks, a prominent business man of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Grace Irwin is the wife of Ned M. Austin, of Canton, Ohio; Eleannora Caldwell is the wife of John W. Marshall, of Leechburg.

Dr. Armstrong was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Leechburg, served as elder for several years, and was also a teacher in the Sunday school. In politics he was a Republican.

Mrs. Armstrong's parents had the following children: Labannah S., a general merchant, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Amanda C., Mrs. Armstrong; Rev. John K., a Presbyterian minister; Johanna J., wife of Robert Pinkerton, a farmer in Armstrong county, Pa.; James A., a merchant of Leechburg; Mary H., wife of H. M. Caldwell, a merchant of New Kensington, Pa.; and Henry F., deceased, who left a wife and two children.

NEWTON ROSBOROUGH, farmer and dairyman of Elderton, in Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, is a descendant of an old established family in this part of Pennsylvania. His great-grandfather, who was born in the vicinity of Saltsburg, Indiana county, was a pack peddler, and disappeared while on a trip to secure a stock of goods. Nothing was ever afterward heard of him or his son who accompanied him. The Rosboroughs are of Irish extraction, and the representatives of the name have always been found among the most creditable citizens in their respective communities. The family sent a large number of volunteers to the Civil war.

Charles Rosborough, father of Newton, was born Dec. 16, 1819, one mile east of Elders Ridge in Indiana county, on a farm where Iselin now stands. He was the eldest of a family of fifteen children. He stayed with his father, James Rosborough, learning the stonemason's trade, till twenty-three years of age. On Oct. 4, 1842, he married Elizabeth Frailey, of Elderton, which union lasted fifty-eight years, five months. After being married they moved to Clarksburg, Indiana county, living there till March 16, 1848, when he moved to Elderton, Armstrong county, buying the tannery property of William Cunningham, built by James Clark, father of Judge Silas Clark,

of Indiana. There he followed tanning and harnessmaking till shortly before his death, which occurred March 4, 1901, in his eighty-second year. His wife, Elizabeth (Frailey), died Oct. 4, 1904, in her eighty-first year. She was of German descent, and was reared at Elderton, Armstrong county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Rosborough were married by the famous Rev. Alexander Donaldson, founder of the Elders Ridge Academy, one of the first institutions of its kind west of the Alleghenies and of such high standing and enviable reputation that pupils came there from every State in the Union, even California. Mr. and Mrs. Rosborough had a family of ten children, namely: James, born Aug. 9, 1843, a farmer, now living at Marchand, Indiana county, married Esther Allshouse and they have had a family of twelve children; Mary died when two years old; Martin died when five years old; William, born March 6, 1850, lives in Philadelphia; Newton is mentioned below; Anna, born Dec. 4, 1854, married J. N. Mahan and is deceased; Della, born July 10, 1857, is the widow of J. A. Altman (they had five children); John, born in November, 1859, died when forty-one years old, leaving a wife, who died shortly afterward, and three children; Catherine, born Oct. 3, 1863, lives at home; Edward F., born July 10, 1866, married Laura C. Mulberger, of Elderton, and they have had children, Grace (wife of J. E. Clark), Martha (wife of J. C. Mulberger), Vernie (died Oct. 26, 1910, in nineteenth year), Frank (deceased), Bertha and Ruth (at home).

The brothers Newton and Edward F. Rosborough now live at Elderton, on the site of their father's old home, and own a farm of 320 acres adjoining. They bought this property a little at a time, adding to their holdings as prosperity enabled them, acquiring most of it since their father's death. They carry on general agriculture and dairying, being extensively interested in the latter line, which has proved exceptionally profitable, and they are regarded as leaders among the progressive farmers of the district, their methods and work typifying the most up-to-date ideas in their chosen field of work.

Newton Rosborough was born July 10, 1852, at Elderton, where he has passed all his life. He attends the Presbyterian Church, and is one of its most devoted workers, having been an elder for the unusually long period of thirty-seven years.

STEEL. The Steel family is a representative one of Armstrong county, where for a number of years its numbers have borne their part in the progress of this important section of Pennsylvania.

Amos Steel was a soldier during the Civil war, enlisting Aug. 16, 1861, in Capt. Thomas McLaughlin's Company, H, 13th Regiment, P. V. I., for three years. The regiment number was changed to 102d. It was organized at Pittsburgh, mustered into the United States service Aug. 6, 1861, and commanded by Col. Thomas A. Rowley, being first assigned to Peck's Brigade, Couch's Division, Keyes's Corps, Army of the Potomac, and then transferred to the 3d Brigade, 3d Division, 6th Corps. In December, 1863, the regiment was detached from this corps and sent to Halltown, W. Va., where it was engaged during the winter in guard and picket duty, in March, 1864, rejoining the corps at Brandy Station, Va. Then it was transferred from the 3d to the 2d Division. Mr. Steel took part in the following: 1862—Siege of Yorktown, April 5 to May 3; Williamsburg, Va., May 5; Fair Oaks, Va., May 31; Charles City Cross Roads, Va., June 30; Malvern Hill, Va., July 1; Bull Run, Va., Aug. 30; Antietam, Md., Sept. 17; Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13; 1863—Chancellorsville, Va., May 4; Gettysburg, Pa., July 4; Rappahannock Station, Va., March 7; Mine Run, Va., March 26; 1864—Spottsylvania, Va., May 8; Cold Harbor, Va., June 12; siege of Petersburg, June 15. In the first day's fight in the Wilderness, Va., May 5, 1864, he was wounded and lost his forefinger.

Amos Steel married Elizabeth Myers, and they had children as follows: A. J., of Sugar Creek township; Sidney J., Mrs. Snow, of Fairview township, Butler county, Pa.; Margaret M., Mrs. Adams, of Sugar Creek township; Ada M., Mrs. Shakley, of Perry township; and Thomas R., of Sugar Creek township, Armstrong county. The father died in 1907, aged seventy-two years, and the mother survives, making her home in Perry township, this county.

A. J. Steel, son of Amos and Elizabeth (Myers) Steel, was born in Perry township, Armstrong county, Pa., Dec. 5, 1866, but was brought to Sugar Creek township by his parents when he was ten years old, having at that time already attended public school for two years in his native township. He completed his educational training in Sugar Creek township and at the same time became acquainted with every feature of farming in a practical manner, remaining at home until he was twenty-five years old. At that time he

married and settled southeast of the homestead in Sugar Creek township, where he owns and operates 115 acres of land, about twenty acres of which are in woodland, and the remainder under cultivation. There he carries on general farming, and is also interested with his brother Thomas in conducting the sawmill and cider mill located on the property of the latter, which was formerly the Steel homestead.

Mr. Steel married Lillie Kamerer, a daughter of D. W. Kamerer, of Brady's Bend township, and two children have been born of this union, Willard Lloyd and Howard Floyd, twins, who are teaching school at Kaylor. Mr. Steel belongs to the Grange at Kaylor and to the Sons of Veterans at Chicora. In religious connection he belongs to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which he has been an elder for the last two years, and also served as deacon for several years. Interested in the Sunday school, Mr. Steel is its superintendent and exerts a strong influence for good in his community. Politically he is a Progressive Republican, and has served as a school director and township auditor upon several occasions, having held the latter office for the last two years. An energetic man, he has bent his entire forces towards honorable achievement, and deserves the success which has attended him.

THOMAS R. STEEL, son of Amos and Elizabeth (Myers) Steel, and younger brother as well as partner of A. J. Steel, was born on his present farm in Sugar Creek township, Armstrong Co., Pa., Jan. 22, 1878. After completing his course in the schools of his district, Mr. Steel attended a business college at Butler, Pa., from which he was graduated. Returning to Sugar Creek township he resumed farming, better qualified for his work because of his commercial training. His life has been spent on his present valuable farm of 100 acres, eight acres of which is timber, and he is interested in the sawmill and cider mill on his property which he and his brother A. J. Steel conduct in partnership. Thomas R. Steel also owns some residences at Kaylor and East Brady, and is a man of considerable means.

Mr. Steel married Sally Herron, a daughter of James and Jennie (Morrison) Herron, and two children have come to them, both born on the same farm as their father, Vera Mildred and Jean Elizabeth.

Mr. Steel belongs to the Kaylor Grange and the Sons of Veterans at Chicora, being eligible because of his father's military service. Mt. Pleasant Evangelical Lutheran Church holds his membership. From the time he cast his first vote he has been a Republican, but he has never been willing to hold office except that of school director of Sugar Creek township. A conscientious man, he has always endeavored to do his duty as he has seen it and has high standing and an honorable record.

Both brothers are men of influence not only in Sugar Creek township, but throughout their section of Armstrong county, and authorities on agricultural matters. Although some of their properties are still in timberland, no oil has been found, nor is there any trace of it, but the soil is fertile enough to make the land very valuable.

MICHAEL J. LINNON, proprietor of the "Linnon Hotel," at Kittanning, has various interests besides his hotel in and out of Kittanning, and is regarded as one of the most progressive business men of that borough. He was born in Boggs township, Armstrong Co., Pa., Dec. 23, 1860.

William Linnon, father of Michael J. Linnon, was a native of Ireland, in which country the name was spelled Lennon. He came to America when a young man, the ocean trip taking thirty days. By trade he was a mason and stonecutter, and he first followed it in this country in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company. Later coming to Armstrong county, Pa., he married, and for a time followed his trade at Mahoning. Thence he removed to Monticello, now known as Cowanshannock, where he worked at his trade in the summer and mined coal during the winter. From that place he moved to Kittanning, where he made a permanent home for his family and passed the remainder of his long life, his death occurring in September, 1911, when he was eighty-two years old. He was engaged at his trade on many buildings in the borough, having helped to lay the foundations of the "Reynolds House," the Gault block and the jail. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a devout Catholic.

Mr. Linnon married Margaret Murphy, who was born in Bellefonte, Pa., daughter of Michael Murphy, and died in 1876, aged thirty-two years, and seven children were born to them: Michael J.; Margaret, who died unmarried when twenty-two years old; John, who died young; William, who resides at St. Petersburg, Clarion Co., Pa.; Mary, who died when twenty-one years old; Anna, now deceased, who married Blair Coggins, of Kittanning; and Patrick, who died young.

Michael J. Linnon grew up at Kittanning, and began to learn the trade of mason from his father. But he had a taste for travel and adventure, and at the age of sixteen went West, to New Mexico, where he first became engaged in hotel work. After four months there he went to Topeka, Kans., where he took up plumbing, following it there for two and a half years. His next move was to Leavenworth, Kans., where he served another year at the plumber's trade, after which he returned to Pennsylvania. He was at Hickory, Pa., for a time, engaged in bridge work, and from there went to Connellsville, Fayette county. He worked on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at that place, but being taken sick returned home to Kittanning, where he has ever since remained. His first business venture here was in the cigar trade. In partnership with his father and cousin, Patrick J. Linnon he had a cigar business on the corner where the Farmer's National Bank is now located, occupying part of the Linnon block. An old two-story building then stood on the site. From this modest beginning he developed a business which expanded until he controls the substantial block in which he now has the hotel which bears his name, a handsome, well equipped and modern house, which is conducted on a profitable basis. His natural qualifications for the business have been developed by experience, and his success is the result of an earnest desire to please his patrons and cater to their comfort. Mr. Linnon has become associated with various other local interests, the fair association, the gas and coal industry and farming being some of the lines into which his energy has carried him. He and H. G. Luker own and conduct what is known as the "Pony Farm" in North Buffalo township, where they raise handsome ponies for both pleasure and profit. Mr. Linnon is also one of the principal owners of Hague Park, a summer resort on beautiful Vandercook lake, three miles from the business center of Jackson, Mich. He has shown excellent judgment in his investments and in their management, and he has proved himself worthy of the confidence his business associates have manifested in his ability and trustworthiness. He is an Elk in fraternal connection, a Democrat in politics, and in religion a member of the Catholic Church.

On Oct. 12, 1887, Mr. Linnon was married to Margaret P. Coggins, who was born in East Franklin township, this county, Sept. 20, 1863, daughter of Joseph and Mahalia (Green) Coggins, both members of pioneer families of Armstrong county, of English ancestry. The following children have been born to this union: Maud married Grover Hudson, of Kittanning, and they have had two children, only one, Michael J., surviving, the other having died in infancy; Henrietta married Jack Stover, of Kittanning; Harry, being freight and ticket clerk there for the Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad Company, who married Helen Rankin, resides in Kittanning; Grace married Mellville C. Aubrey, chief clerk of the purchasing department of the Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad Company, at Kittanning; Irene, Ralph and Alexandria are at home.

CURTIS C. FARREN, cashier of the Rural Valley National Bank, was born in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, April 25, 1886, son of Andrew A. and Emma (Schrecengost) Farren, both natives of Armstrong county.

James Farren, his grandfather, was a pioneer farmer of Indiana county.

Andrew A. Farren, son of James Farren and father of Curtis C. Farren, was reared at Cowanshannock township, where he followed farming until 1892. In that year he came to Rural Valley and has made his home there ever since. From 1892 to 1900 he was a butcher and live stock dealer, but later securing the contract for carrying the mail, between Rural Valley and Yatesboro, has devoted himself to this line of business, delivering freight and express matter and carrying passengers as well as the mails between these two points. His family consists of two children: Curtis C. and Rosa Elizabeth.

The maternal great-grandfather of Curtis C. Farren, Emanuel Z. Schrecengost, was born Aug. 2, 1829. He was a blacksmith by trade, and locating in Rural Valley in 1856 followed his calling until his death, on May 9, 1898, when he was sixty-nine years old. His wife was Sarah Hartman.

Daniel Schrecengost, father of Emanuel Z. Schrecengost, was a native of what is now Valley township. He cleared and improved a farm in that township, and for many years was also a hotel keeper. In later life he moved to Rural Valley, where he died. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Crum, and she was a daughter of Conrad Crum, born in Germany, who became a pioneer of what is now Valley township, and the founder of the family in America.

Curtis C. Farren was educated in the public schools of Rural Valley and at North Washington Institute, in Butler county, Pa.

When only sixteen years old he entered the employ of the Rural Valley National Bank as clerk, and owing to his ability and grasp of banking matters, was successively promoted until in 1909 he was made assistant cashier, and in 1910 was made cashier, which position he is still filling very acceptably.

On Sept. 14, 1909, Mr. Farren was married to Nora Marshall, daughter of Oscar S. and Hannah (McIntire) Marshall. Mr. Farren is a member of the Methodist Church of Rural Valley and has been its organist for fourteen years. He is very active in musical circles and has been identified with the Rural Valley brass band since 1900, of which organization is is now leader and director. He has been a member of the Sterling male quartette since 1906. His fraternal affiliations are with Rural Valley Lodge, No. 766, I. O. O. F. A Republican, he served as secretary of the Rural Valley borough council, and has been treasurer of the borough since 1909, being in every respect a substantial, reliable man, whose standing in financial and social circles is unquestioned.

ALFRED M. ASHE has a fine farm of 105 acres in Rayburn township, Armstrong county, and is one of the most progressive agriculturists of that locality, where he is known for the excellence of his crops and the splendid condition in which he keeps his property.

Mr. Ashe was born March 14, 1862, in Somerset county, Pa., son of Henry and Lydia Ashe, and was five years old when his parents moved to Indiana county, Pa., where they remained for two years. Thence they removed to Elderton, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he grew to manhood. Their next place of residence was Dayton, Armstrong county, where they made their home for fourteen years. After his marriage, which took place at Salamanca, N. Y., Mr. Ashe located at Forestville, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he was engaged as a cook for four years. During the next four years he trained horses, at St. Mary's, at the end of that time purchasing a farm in Indiana county known as the old Jim Lewis place, a tract of 165 acres. He lived there until he sold the property, on April 16, 1903, moving to Elderton, where he made him home for eighteen months. He then purchased and moved to his present home in Rayburn township, Armstrong county, which under his care has become a very valuable farm. He carries on stock raising as well as general farming, and his success has justified the progressive methods which he advocates and follows. He believes in making the most of his land, and if care and intelligent industry can accomplish that end the good results he obtains are readily accounted for. He is a creditable citizen, and commands the respect of all who know him.

On Jan. 2, 1886, Mr. Ashe married Anna Gillam, who was born March 28, 1866, at Whitesburg, Pa., daughter of Enoch and Jane Gillam, and six children have been born to this union: Earl E., born April 22, 1887; Amanda J., born Jan. 9, 1890; Alfred M., born Jan. 25, 1893, who died Oct. 15, 1893; Arthur and Mabel, twins, born Nov. 19, 1896; and a child, born March 2, 1901, that died in infancy unnamed.

JACOB M. BUSH died June 14, 1904, on the farm in South Buffalo township where he settled with his family in 1861, and where his widow and daughter still make their home. He was born in that township July 27, 1828, son of Andrew and Magdalena (Smeltzer) Bush, of Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa. Andrew Bush and his brother Jacob came to Armstrong county together and settled in South Buffalo township, where they secured land and cleared it, making a permanent home here. Andrew Bush died on his home place and his wife remarried, her second husband being James Long, with whom she went to Millard, Mo., where she died. Her children by Andrew Bush were: Daniel, Lydia A., Jacob M., Levi, John A. and George. There were two children by the second marriage: James M., of Millard, Mo., and Eliza E., deceased.

Jacob M. Bush was educated in the public schools of the home locality, which offered but limited advantages. He lived at home until the time of his marriage and for five years after that event continued to live at the old place. Then he was on the Mahaffey farm, adjoining his own, until in 1861 he settled on the place in South Buffalo township where he passed the remainder of his life, buying fifty-four acres of good land which grew steadily in value under his careful cultivation. He carried on general farming and by well-directed industry prospered, becoming one of the substantial men of his township. He was highly respected for his upright character, and took little part in affairs other than his own business interests except religious matters, in which he was an active worker. He belonged to the Presbyterian Church and served as elder for thirty-five years. In his political views he was a Republican.

On Oct. 27, 1853, Mr. Bush married Margaret M. Fry, who was born in South Buffalo township, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Jack) Fry, he of Little York, Pa., she of Gilpin township, this county, born in 1803. Mr. Fry came to this county a single man, married and settled in South Buffalo township. Mrs. Fry died in 1857 at Clinton, Mr. Fry at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Bush, in 1864. He was a farmer by occupation, and also a stonemason. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Fry had eleven children: Henry Clay is deceased; Martha B. is the widow of William Jack, of Franklin, Pa.; Margaret M. is the widow of Jacob M. Bush; Cynthia is the wiidow of Abram Riggle, of Georgetown, Pa.; Daniel G., a retired farmer, lives at Ford City, Pa.; Elizabeth is the widow of David Riggle, of Leechburg, Pa.; James is deceased; one son died in infancy; Lydia Ann married William McDowell, of Franklin, Pa.; Harriet, twin of Lydia, is deceased; David is a ferryman in Clinton, Pa. (he was in the Civil war).

To Mr. and Mrs. Bush were born the following children: (1) Anna Alice was born April 30, 1856. (2) Eveline, born Nov. 14, 1857, married T. B. Stepp, and died April 14, 1884. (3) Adeline, twin of Eveline, died May 19, 1911. She married G. B. Jack, and had three sons, Harry G., Elmer D. and James Harvey. (4) Elmer E., born April 25, 1861, is a farmer in South Buffalo township. In 1882 he married Hannah Jane Stepp and they have four children, Charles Edgar, George Oliver, Mildred Ruth and Margaret Hazel. (5) Ulysses Grant, born April 8, 1864, is a farmer in Westmoreland county, Pa. He married Adeline Ferguson and they have six children, Winona Olive, William Jacob, Edna Blanche, Thomas Albert, Viola Grace and Lewis Grant. (6) Clarence D., born June 18, 1869, had a stone quarry at Rimerton, Pa., and died Oct. 14, 1908. He married Edith C. Hudson, who now lives on a farm in South Buffalo township, and they had a family of seven children, Ida May, Lyda Luella, John Irwin, Clarence Merle, Herbert Ralph, Margaret Maude and Wilma Edith. (7) Clyde T., born June 14, 1871, in South Buffalo township, is engaged in farming. He married Bertha Shaffer, and they have eight children, James Warren, Nellie Bell, Walter Lee, Mabel Althea, Robert J., Martha Alice, Florence Irene and Edward Day. (8) Martha E., born Feb. 1, 1874, died May 15, 1895.

MILTON E. SHAW, now living retired at Kittanning, was a farmer during his active years, and long had his home at Worthington, Armstrong county. He was born June 27, 1842, at Shippensville, Clarion Co., Pa., son of Rev. Adam C. Shaw.

Rev. Adam C. Shaw was a native of Mifflin county, Pa. He attended school at Gettysburg, and took a course at Meadville College, after his graduation becoming a minister of the M. E. Church. Some time later he withdrew from the Methodist ministry to engage with the Lutheran denomination, with which he was connected until his death. He traveled from Erie, Pa., throughout this and other Eastern States as a colporteur, selling missionary literature, and continued in this work until his demise, which occurred in November, 1845, in Mifflin county, Pa., when he was but thirty-three years old. He was a man of strong convictions and high ideals, an ardent abolitionist, and a sincere religious worker. He had married, in Mifflin county, Mary E. Ehrenfeld, a native of that county, whose father, Dr. A. C. Ehrenfeld, was a surgeon of considerable renown in his day, practicing throughout Pennsylvania. Educated at Heilbron, Germany, Dr. Ehrenfeld subsequently served under Napoleon, and after the war came to America. He had a son who was a professor in the State normal school at California, Pa., which he helped to establish, and was also a professor in Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio; he retired in 1913 and resided with his son at York, Pa., until his demise, Jan. 31, 1914. He was aged eighty-two years.

After his marriage Rev. Mr. Shaw lived for a time at Shippensville, Pa. He and his wife had two sons, Milton E. and Charles, the latter now deceased. After his death his widow lived with her two sons in Mifflin county until 1851, when she came to Worthington, Armstrong county, Pa. In 1854 she married James Ralston, and moved to Freeport. After his death in 1881 she moved to Worthington, where she is buried. She died in her seventy-seventh year.

Milton E. Shaw was but three years old when his father died. He attended school after coming to Armstrong county at Worthington Academy and Freeport. For some time he was a clerk in the John W. Redpath store at Freeport, and then went to Pittsburgh. When the Civil war broke out he joined the 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry, Army of the Cumberland, an independent regiment, which some

few years ago was taken by Brigadier General Palmer to Colorado Springs as his guests at the "Antlers" Hotel. Mr. Shaw served three years during the Civil war, after which he was engaged in the Pennsylvania oil fields for nine years. He and his brother Charles contracted, drilling oil wells. Upon his marriage he moved to Worthington, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he engaged in farming until 1879, selling his place there and going to Kansas. When he returned East he made the trip by wagon. He again became interested in farming at Worthington, where he remained until his retirement, in 1889, since when he has lived in that part of Kittanning known as Wickboro, his residence being at No. 1029 Orr avenue. In former years Mr. Shaw took considerable interest in public affairs, and has acted as assistant clerk to the county commissioner. Politically he is now associated with the Washington party, and his religious connection is with the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Shaw married Amy Keister, a native of Clarion county, Pa., whose parents were both deceased at that time. They have had three children: Ellis, who is unmarried; Pearl, at home; and Charles M., a foreman at the Pittsburgh Typewriter Works, who married Clara Morrison, and lives at Wickboro.

JOSEPH D. ORR, M. D., of Leechburg, has been a successful general practitioner ever since he began the practice of medicine in Armstrong county, but his reputation and usefulness have not been confined to his professional work. Few men of the county in any walk of life have been more energetic or efficient in promoting the general progress and welfare. He has been identified with most of the modern enterprises of this section and has given valuable service as a friend of public education.

Dr. Orr was born Oct. 16, 1857, in Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, son of James and Catherine (Clawson) Orr. Joseph Orr, his grandfather, came to this country from Ireland in the early part of the nineteenth century, and settling in Kiskiminetas township became engaged in business as a merchant. Though he had little to start with he accumulated a large and valuable estate in the course of his well directed life. He was a strict member of the Presbyterian Church, and was an intimate friend of Dr. Alexander Donaldson, of Elder's Ridge. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served several terms as justice of the peace. His wife's maiden name was Manners, and they had four children. Joseph Orr died in 1877, at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

James Orr, son of Joseph, was born in 1820, and reared in Armstrong county, living there until his removal to Westmoreland county, where he settled opposite Saltsburg, Pa. There he made a permanent home. He engaged in merchandising, milling and farming, and made a success of his business ventures. His death occurred in 1909. Mr. Orr was always a Democrat, was somewhat active in the work of the party in this locality, and served several years as justice of the peace. He was a man who always deserved and commanded the respect of all who knew him. In religion he was connected with the Presbyterian Church. His wife, Catherine (Clawson), daughter of Peter Clawson, of Westmoreland, died Dec. 27, 1882, in her fifty-seventh year. To them were born seven children: William C., Robert M., Joseph D., Matilda, Hallie, Harry D. and Lucian C.

Joseph D. Orr, son of James, began his education in the public schools, later attending the academies at Elder's Ridge and Saltsburg. After completing his college course he entered upon the study of medicine, in 1882 becoming a student at Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, where he took the three years' course then customary, and graduated in 1885, taking first honors in surgery. He immediately settled at the borough of Leechburg, in Armstrong county, where he has ever since been engaged in practice, with the exception of a respite in the year 1904, when he took a trip abroad, visiting the British Isles and other parts of Europe. He is the Pennsylvania Railroad surgeon at Leechburg.

During his residence at Leechburg the Doctor has become one of the most active citizens in the borough as a leader of modern thought on such public questions as affect the personal welfare of the individuals of any community, and one of those who have had the courage to apply his ideas in his own locality. He has been a member of the school board for the last twenty-one years, and for nine years has served as president of that body, which office he still fills. As a member of the board and in his private capacity he has given considerable attention to the question of public education ever since he came to Leechburg. Throughout the period of his residence here he has given a gold medal each year to the high school pupil showing the highest average in the class upon graduation; it is known as the J. D. Orr medal.

The Doctor has been no less prominent in his connection with business enterprises which



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promote the general good. He was an active member of the Danville Foundry & Machine Company; was the founder of the Hyde Park Iron & Steel Company and served as president (it has been sold to the United States Steel Company); was one of the promoters of the Pittsburgh & Allegheny Valley Street Railway Company, of which he was secretary (this road runs between Leechburg and Apollo); was the owner of the Leechburg Electric Light Company, which he operated for a period of ten years.

Politics have always held Dr. Orr's interest, and he has been one of the energetic workers in the Democratic party in his section from young manhood. He has frequently represented the borough at county conventions, and was a delegate to the State convention which nominated Pattison for governor of Pennsylvania, and was also a delegate in 1896 to the National convention at which W. J. Bryan received his first nomination for the presidency. The Doctor is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

On Sept. 29, 1885, Dr. Orr was married to Belle M. McFarland, daughter of the late Dr. John McFarland, of Saltsburg, Pa., and she died June 4, 1893, leaving one daughter, Pauline, who is a member of the class of 1912, Leechburg high school. In 1897 the Doctor married (second) Lola Wilkins, daughter of J. W. Wilkins, of Erie, Pa. They have one daughter, Isabella.

W. U. FLINN, formerly one of the proprietors of the Apollo Woolen Mills, now retired, was born Oct. 28, 1846, in England, son of John H. and Mary Jane (Unsworth) Flinn.

John H. Flinn was born in Ireland, but reared in England, where he married a native of that country. He came to America alone, his family following him a year later. There were two children at that time, W. U. being an infant, and they were accompanied by the youngest sister of Mrs. Flinn, Sarah Ann Unsworth, who married William O'Meara, of Washington, D. C. Later other children were born, the family numbering nine in all, of whom three survive: Margaret, Mary and W. U. The father remained a short time in Maryland, but soon moved to Pittsburgh, Pa., and later worked in a cotton mill in Allegheny, Pa. He then took a place in the Bradley woolen mills as a weaver and dresser, remaining there several years. Following this he removed to Venango county, Pa., and was foreman in the Richard Kennerdell woolen mills for three years, changing from there to Freeport, Armstrong county, where he was in the Fullerton woolen mills. From there he went to Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland county, as superintendent of Chambers & Sons' woolen mill, thence to Kringville, Pa., for one year, and subsequently to Greenville, Mercer Co., Pa., where he was superintendent in the woolen mill of Brown & Son. Then he went to Warren, Ohio, where he and Robert McClelland bought and operated woolen mills. Selling out to his partner Mr. Flinn returned to Greenville, Pa., later going to Andover, Ohio, to take charge of the West Andover woolen mills. His next location was at Utica, Venango Co., Pa., where he owned the Utica woolen mills until burned out. Then he was at Cannelton, Beaver Co., Pa., where he had the Elder woolen mills, and was residing at that place at the time of his death (1874), which, however, occurred at Pleasant Unity, while he was on a business trip. Fraternally he was a Mason. His wife, who survived until 1896, was a member of the Episcopal Church.

W. U. Flinn pursued his studies in the common schools until sixteen years old (attending at Freeport while the family lived there), and lived with his father until the latter's death. Having been brought up to follow the woolen milling business, he became familiar enough with it in time to take charge of the Greenville woolen mill as manager. He then formed a partnership with William Taylor at Louisville, Ohio, under the firm name of Taylor & Flinn, for the purpose of manufacturing woolen goods. Later he removed to Greenville, Pa., to work in the mill there, remaining with this concern until the plant was destroyed by fire. Mr. Flinn then took charge of the C. H. Fitts woolen mill at Andover, Ohio, as manager. Still later he was with the Harmony woolen mills in Butler county, Pa., and the John Pierce woolen mills, successively. Believing the time ripe for the founding of a new mill, Mr. Flinn and J. Pierce organized the Pierce woolen mills at Greenville, Pa., with a capital stock of $30,000. Subsequently Mr. Flinn took charge of the Flinn Brothers woolen mills at Emlenton, in Venango county, Pa., continuing thus for nine years, when he came to Apollo and organized the Apollo Woolen Mills in company with W. S. Beamer, of that borough. Eight years afterward the concern became a stock company, and Mr. Flinn maintained his connection therewith until the spring of 1913, since which time he has lived retired.

On Sept. 30, 1874, Mr. Flinn was married to Lizzie Whitman, daughter of Jacob Whitman, of Utica, Pa. To this marriage has been born one daughter, Mary Jane, now the wife of Charles W. Walker, of Apollo, who carries on the North Second street meat market. Mr. and Mrs. Walker were married June 12, 1902, and they have two children, William F. and Eleanor E. Mr. Flinn is a Republican in politics, but he is not an office seeker. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership, and Mr. and Mrs. Walker also belong to that church.

The Apollo Woolen Mills were organized in 1898, and in 1908 the company was incorporated with a capital stock of $30,000, with L. W. Huyck, president; T. A. Cunningham, treasurer; W. U. Flinn, vice president, and John Hankey, business manager. All these men are associated with other interests in Apollo, and their names stand for all that is best and truest in the business life of their community.

When the company was formed the plant was incorporated, but on account of difficulty regarding the ownership of the land upon which the mills were first erected it appeared as though the industry would have to be moved to some other community. The Board of Trade, realizing the worth of such a concern to Apollo, from a commercial standpoint, awarded the corporation the title, and the mills were opened with a capacity of sixty-five bed blankets every ten hours. Other products were turf goods, the mills working one third of the time on the production of blankets, the other two thirds in making turf goods. All these goods are in the highest demand, through mail orders and jobbers, and the plant is run on full time, with the limit of production, a large number of skilled workmen being employed. Those who live in Apollo have increased the trade of the merchants in that borough greatly, and the effect of the increase in population caused by the establishment of the mills was felt in nearly every branch of industry and commerce in the locality.

WILLIAM P. PARKER, merchant of Parkers Landing, and present sheriff of Armstrong county, is a descendant of an old and honored Pennsylvania family, prominently identified for more than a century with the history of this section of the State. He was born at Callensburg, Clarion Co., Pa., Jan. 27, 1861, the youngest son of James and Emma (Leonard) Parker.

(I) Col. William Parker, the great-great-grandfather of Wm. P. Parker, moved from Washington county, Pa., to what is now Armstrong county in 1798 and settled near Bear Creek furnace, on Bear creek. He built the first gristmill in northern Armstrong county, and, although it was a log structure, equipped it with machinery that was the best then in use, although exceedingly primitive. It was the main dependence for the grinding of grain for the settlers many miles around. Colonel Parker was undoubtedly a man of great enterprise, was foremost in military matters as well as in business, and left a record of many notable achievements in what was then a wild region. The names of two of his sons have been preserved, John and George, the latter of whom was accidentally drowned while the family was fording an unbridged stream on its way to Armstrong county.

(II) John Parker, son of Col. William, nephew of John Moon and great-grandfather of William P. Parker, learned surveying with Judge Moon, who was the first president judge of Westmoreland county. In 1794 John Parker surveyed most of the northern tract of Armstrong county and the southern part of Butler county. In 1797 he settled on 600 acres of land in Parker township, Butler county, adjoining the site of the city of Parker, which he afterward purchased, and subsequently laid out the city of Lawrenceburg, which is now the Second ward of the city of Parker, this being accomplished in 1815. He was largely interested in farming, and was energetic and active in bringing about the settlement of this section. He was one of the first associate judges of Butler county and filled that office for thirty-five years.

Judge Parker married Jane Woods, and they had nine children, as follows: James; John W.; Juliet, who married John W. Gilchrist; William; Fullerton; Washington; George; Thomas, and Wilson. Judge Parker died in 1842 at the age of seventy-six years and was interred in the Parker cemetery.

(III) John W. Parker, second son of Judge John and Jane (Woods) Parker, was born on the old Parker homestead in Parker township, Butler Co., Pa., Nov. 20, 1800. His life was passed in his native township. His father left him a portion of the homestead and there he engaged throughout his life in agricultural pursuits, dying July 24, 1861, in the house in which he began his married life. His wife, Margaret Perry, was a second cousin of Commodore Perry, of worldwide fame, and the following children were born to them: Wil-

liam and James, both deceased; Sarah J., deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Craig; Elizabeth, deceased, wife of Dr. William Beatty; John, deceased; Susan, who married Rev. George Ball; Phoebe, deceased, wife of Jason Berry; and George W., who survives.

(IV) James Parker, son of John W. and Margaret (Perry) Parker, and father of William P. Parker, was born at Lawrenceburg (now Parker City), May 4, 1825, and there grew to manhood. For several years he owned a half interest in the ferry at Parkers Landing, and from 1861 until 1866 he was proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel," at Callensburg, Clarion county. When he returned to Parker City the oil excitement was at its height, and he became interested in the oil business, in which he continued until his death. For five years he engaged in the hotel business at Parker City and also was in the mercantile business, selling his interest in the latter line in the seventies. He then purchased the old homestead, where he followed farming, but later reentered the mercantile business at Parker and continued in this line until the close of a very long and busy career. His death occurred on Sept. 8, 1893.

James Parker married Aug. 17, 1847, Emma Leonard, daughter of Reuben and Ann L. (Edwards) Leonard, natives of England. The father of Mrs. Parker was an iron worker by trade, and with a brother established the first iron works in the present great iron city of Pittsburgh, Pa., in the early part of the nineteenth century, which they operated as the Kensington Rolling Mills. In 1833 Mr. Leonard brought his family to Perry township, this county, locating on Bear creek, purchasing the old Bear Creek furnace, which he operated several years. After his retirement he lived with his daughter, Mrs. James Parker, and died at the old Parker homestead, Nov. 18, 18—.

James Parker and his wife had nine children, namely: John, deceased; Mary J., wife of John Garver; Clara, deceased, wife of James Sample; Samuel; Reuben; Elizabeth, wife of Charles Magnus; William P.; Keziah, wife of Curtis Miller; and Phoebe, wife of A. Russell Wightman. James Parker was a member of the Presbyterian Church and contributed largely toward the erection of the first Presbyterian edifice built at Lawrenceburg. Politically he was a Republican, and he served one term as justice of the peace.

(V) William Perry Parker grew to manhood at Parker City and was educated in the public schools. In 1881 he began his individual business career as a merchant there and since 1884 has been proprietor of his present store. He carries a very large stock, mainly groceries and hardware, and not only is one of the progressive business men but also one of the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of the place. Since 1880 he has also been extensively interested in the oil industry, and has other interests, being a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Parker. Although not united with any church body, he is a contributor to all denominations and gave liberally toward the erection of the present handsome church edifice of the Presbyterians at Parker. Politically he is a Republican and at present a member of the city council. On Nov. 4, 1913, he was elected sheriff of Armstrong county for four years, as the Republican candidate, receiving a large majority over a Democrat and Washington party candidates.

Mr. Parker was married May 6, 1908, to Delta R. Davis, daughter of George P. and Berdita Davis, of Parker City, and two children have been born to them: William P. and Phebe M., twins, the former of whom is deceased. Mr. Parker is a member of Parker City Lodge, No. 521, F. & A. M.

HARRY E. MONTGOMERY, of Kittanning, proprietor of a highly successful livery and undertaking business in that borough, is a native of Armstrong county, and descended from several of its most noted pioneer families. He counts among his ancestors Absalom Woodward, Captain Sharp and others whose names are inseparably associated with the historical beginning of the county. The Montgomerys too are of that sturdy North of Ireland stock which has contributed so effectively to the development of Pennsylvania. General Montgomery, of Revolutionary fame, was of this family.

Anthony Wayne Montgomery, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, came to Kittanning at an early day and soon afterward settled on a farm in Armstrong county, where the town of Montgomeryville—named after the family—is now located. His father had preceded him hither, and passed the remainder of his life here, attaining old age; he had a family of thirteen children, five sons and eight daughters. Anthony Wayne Montgomery married Jennie Woodward, daughter of Absalom Woodward by his first wife, whose maiden name was Carrothers (Mr. Woodward had no children by his second marriage). Fuller

mention of Absalom Woodward will be found elsewhere in this work. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery: Absalom W.; Nancy, who married Robert Boreland, of Westmoreland county; John; Robert; Isabella, who never married; Jane, who married Philip Ludwick, of Allegheny county; Anthony Washington; Mary, who married Robert M. Gibson, of Elderton; and Alexander Johnston.

Absalom W. Montgomery, of the above family, born in February, 1816, on a farm in Montgomeryville, East Franklin township, became a farmer himself. He died in March, 1904, aged eighty-eight years. He married Hannah Eliza Mitchell, a native of Plum Creek township, this county, daughter of James and Agnes (Sharp) Mitchell and granddaughter of Capt. James Sharp, of whom mention will be found elsewhere in this work. To them were born nine children: Alexander; Jane, who married James Walker and lived at Great Falls, Dakota (they had one son, Walker Montgomery; all this family are now deceased); Anabella, who never married and resides at the old home near Elderton; Sharp M., deceased, who married and had children, Irene (married and living in Boston, Mass.) and Walter (married and living in Dallas, Tex.); William W., who died in California, unmarried; Zenas, who died at the old home when about forty-five years old, unmarried; Irene, who married Austin Klingelberger and resides in Plum Creek township, this county (she has no children); David Elder, who married "Pet" Robinson, daughter of William Robinson, a merchant of Kittanning, at one time of Parkers Landing, and has three daughters, Mary, Eleanor and Anna; and Anthony, justice of the peace at Elderton, who married Lou Couch (they had no children).

Alexander Montgomery was born May 7, 1844, on the old Absalom Woodward homestead, at Idaho, in South Bend (then Plum Creek) township, this county, and was reared there. His early education was obtained in the neighborhood schools, which he attended during the winter season, and he also was a pupil at the Elderton Academy until he reached the age of twenty-one years. Meantime he began his business life, buying mules and horses for Leech & Montgomery, of Leechburg, throughout the period of the Civil war. After his marriage he moved to Pittsburgh, where he continued trading in horses and mules for five years, at the end of that time settling at Fairview, Butler Co., Pa., where he carried on the same business and also ran a livery, remaining there eight years. In 1880 he returned to Armstrong county and settled at Kittanning, where he has resided ever since, engaged in his old line and in farming. In 1885 he was elected sheriff and served for three years, and he has since served two terms as county commissioner.

Mr. Montgomery married Statira A. Jackson, daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Kelly) Jackson, the latter a daughter of Maj. Abner Kelly, of Indiana. To Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery were born four children, two of whom are deceased. The living are Charlotte E. and Harry E., the former the wife of Dr. Francis M. Reynolds, son of George Reynolds, a former merchant of Kittanning; they have one daughter, Marion. Mrs. Montgomery died April 14, 1900, a member of the Methodist Church, and a devout Christian woman. Mr. Montgomery now resides with his daughter. He is a member of the B. P. O. Elks Lodge at Kittanning. Politically he is a Democrat.

Harry E. Montgomery was born in 1865, in Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, and attended public school, finishing at Kittanning. Subsequently he entered his father's business, buying and selling horses, with headquarters at Pittsburgh, Pa., and Kittanning. In 1905 he embarked in a wholesale liquor business at Kittanning, but later in the livery and undertaking business, in which he is now engaged. He built a modern brick barn, 66 by 100 feet, with a capacity of sixty horses, and he has been very successful in this enterprise. His vehicles are of the best, his horses of all kinds, and his drivers careful and experienced. As an undertaker he is fully prepared to render expert service, and his tact and experience have made him most successful.

Mr. Montgomery has always been fond of light harness race horses, having owned some of the best in the country, notably "Helen Tell," wagon record 2:08¼; "Dakota Dan," 2:11¼ (pacer); "Creoline," 2:16¼ (trotter); "Lacey Killbuck," 2:17¼ (trotter); and "Baron Richards," a noted stallion (trotter). He campaigns a few horses every year, and has had excellent success, driving them himself, in which he takes great pleasure.

In 1889 Mr. Montgomery married Carrie M. Adams, daughter of Homer Adams, of Armstrong county. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery have three children: Laura, the wife of Frank Atkins, of the Safety Deposit Bank, and member of the Armstrong county bar; Harrie A., and George W. The family be-

long to the Presbyterian Church, to which Mr. Montgomery is a generous contributor. Progressive in his ideas, he has always worked for the best interest of his community, and has a large acquaintance among the people of Armstrong county.

FINDLEY P. WOLFF. The membership of the bar of Armstrong county includes the names of forty-seven attorneys now living in Kittanning, and twenty-eight residing outside of the county town. Of the forty-seven attorneys in Kittanning, but four date their enrollment as members of the bar back to 1880, and Findley P. Wolff is one of the four. He began the study of law in May, 1877, in the office of Hon. Edward S. Golden, at that time one of the foremost lawyers in the county and in the State. At a meeting of the examining board of the bar, then including Edward S. Golden, president, Robert W. Smith, secretary, John Gilpin, Grier C. Orr and J. G. D. Findley, Findley Patterson Wolff passed his final examination. The meeting was in the Water street office of Mr. Golden, night of June 24, 1880, and continued until 2 o'clock next morning, and Findley P. Wolff was, on motion of Robert W. Smith, Esq., admitted at the September term following, Judge James B. Neale presiding.

Before taking up the study of law Mr. Wolff had been engaged as a teacher in the public schools, his services extending through thirteen several terms, and including one year in the high school of Kittanning, two years (same work) in Parker City, and one year as principal of the public school of Clarion. His early schooling was obtained in the public schools and to this was added a three years' course in academic studies at Glade Run Academy, under Prof. George W. Mechlin, D. D.

Noah C. Wolff, his father, was a son of Matthias G. Wolff, and a grandson of Jacob Wolff, one of the pioneer settlers of the county; and his mother was Mary Patterson, daughter of William Patterson, a native of the North of Ireland.

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 1881, Findley P. Wolff was married to Maggie E. Mateer, daughter of Samuel Mateer, late of Boggs township, and they made their home in Kittanning. The death of Mrs. Maggie E. Wolff occurred June 28, 1910. The family continues to reside in the same home, No. 712 North Water street, and includes Mary Patterson Wolff, for five years a teacher in Tenth ward schools, Allegheny; Samuel Mateer Wolff, Wesley Ambrose Wolff, and Findley Patterson Wolff, Jr., all in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as civil engineers. Samuel M. Wolff, on Oct. 15, 1913, was married to Miss Marie Hawkes Steele, of Bellevue, Pa., who is also one of the family. The several members of the family are members of the Presbyterian Church in Kittanning, in which Findley P. Wolff has served as ruling elder continuously since the year 1886.

VITE E. VAN KIRK, Jr., M. D., a young physician who has recently settled at Leechberg, Armstrong county, is following a profession for which he has a natural bent, belonging to a family which has produced many successful physicians. He is descended from honorable stock in both paternal and maternal lines, being a son of Vite E. Van Kirk, Sr., of Braddock, Allegheny Co., Pa., and grandson of Asher Van Kirk.

Asher Van Kirk was a native of Pittsburgh, Pa. He became a farmer, having large interests as an agriculturist and stock dealer in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county. Disposing of his property there, he bought a farm which is now in the heart of the city of McKeesport, Allegheny county, and he had accumulated considerable wealth by the time of his retirement. His death occurred about 1880, when he was between seventy and eighty years old. He married a Miss Manoon, who was a native of Allegheny county, where her parents, Scotch-Irish people, settled on coming from the north of Ireland. To this union were born twelve children, and four of the sons served in the Civil war.

Vite E. Van Kirk, Sr., was one of the younger sons of Asher Van Kirk. He was reared on his father's farm and received his early education at McKeesport, later attending Allegheny College, at Meadville, Pa., from which institution he was graduated. He then engaged in the dry goods business at McKeesport, on his own account, and afterward moving to Braddock, Allegheny county, established the business he has since conducted, being in the wholesale grocery and produce line.

Mr. Van Kirk and his wife, Juliet S. (Woolf), are devout members of the First M. E. Church of McKeesport, which he serves as member of the official board. Her father, Rev. S. P. Woolf, was pastor of that church for several years. Rev. Mr. Woolf was a native of Virginia, where his father was a large planter and slave holder. After taking

up his ministerial studies Rev. Mr. Woolf became opposed to slavery, and coming to the North joined the Pittsburgh Methodist Conference. He married Adeline C. Cooper, a niece through her mother of President Andrew Johnson, and they had two children, Robert and Juliet S. (Mrs. Vite E. Van Kirk).

Mr. and Mrs. Van Kirk were married in McKeesport, and now make their home in Edgewood, Allegheny county. They have had four children: Adeline, who lives at home; Asher, M. D., a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, now located at Harlem, Mont., Julia, living at home; and Vite E., Jr.

Vite E. Van Kirk, Jr., was born Sept. 8, 1886, at McKeesport, where his schooling was begun. He graduated from the high school at Braddock, and took his professional course in the medical department of the University of Pittsburgh, graduating June 19, 1912. For several months following he was interne at the Westmoreland hospital, in Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., being thus engaged until he came to Leechburg, in February, 1913. He has become a member of the Armstrong County Medical Society, and has already gained many friends and patrons in the community. As previously intimated, Dr. Van Kirk's family had been prominent in the profession for several generations, and four of his uncles have been notably successful physicians in this section of Pennsylvania, Dr. Theophilus Van Kirk at McKeesport, and Drs. Joseph, Benjamin and Joel Van Kirk at Elizabeth. Dr. Theophilus Van Kirk has one son, Dr. Herbert S. Van Kirk, engaged in practice with him at McKeesport, and Dr. Joseph Van Kirk had one son, Dr. Joseph Van Kirk, Jr., now practicing at Elizabeth.

On April 23, 1913, Dr. Van Kirk married Ethel Armstrong, daughter of J. Newton and Belle D. (Symington) Armstrong, her father a nephew of the late Dr. John A. Armstrong, of Leechburg. Mr. Armstrong is a tea merchant in Pittsburgh.

GEORGE A. RITCHART was born Dec. 20, 1840, on the farm in Manor township, Armstrong county, where he now resides, and with the exception of the three years he was away during his service in the Civil war has always lived there.

John Ritchart, his father, was born in Indiana county, Pa., near Derry, in 1793, and his father was a farmer in that county, where he had settled at an early day; he was a native of Ireland. John Ritchart was one of four brothers. He began life as a shoemaker, and followed his trade for some time at Kittanning, Armstrong county, where he had a shop for seven years on Jefferson street. He then moved to the farm in Manor township now owned and occupied by his son George, buying eighty-four acres, then only partly cleared, and poorly equipped with log buildings. On this place he remained until his death, which occurred Jan. 17, 1868, when he was aged seventy-five years. He married Mary Johnson, who was born June 4, 1804, at Middlesex, Armstrong county, and died Dec. 24, 1882. She was a daughter of David Johnson, a native of Pennsylvania who was one of the early settlers at what is now Kittanning and one of the founders of that place. Mr. Johnson was an original member of the First Presbyterian Church there, and its first elder. In politics he was a Republican and prominent in this section. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ritchart: Johnson, Robert, Bella, Sarah, Mary, Rose, Margaret, James, David, William, Samuel and George A., of whom Margaret and George A. survive.

George A. Ritchart passed his boyhood and youth on the place where he was born, and received his education in the neighboring public schools. During the Civil war he enlisted, Sept. 22, 1862, in Company M, 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he served three years, being mustered out at Alexandria, Va. Returning to the old home farm, he has continued to live there ever since, successfully engaged in general farming. On Sept. 16, 1868, he was married to Mary E. Bruce, a native of Bethel township, Armstrong county, who died Aug. 7, 1875, at the age of thirty-one. She was the mother of two children, Samuel and Barton H., the latter now deceased. On political questions Mr. Ritchart is a Republican. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

SAMUEL RITCHART, only surviving son of George A. Ritchart, was born July 10, 1870, on the homestead, where he has always made his home. He is now engaged in its cultivation, his father having practically retired from the more arduous duties of the farm. Like his father he is associated with the Republican party in politics and the Presbyterian Church in religious connection. On Oct. 19, 1898, he married Viola B. McGlaughlin, who was born at Manorville, this county, daughter of John McGlaughlin, and they have had one child, Ralph A., born Jan. 20, 1900.

WILLIAM W. McENTIRE, a prominent general merchant of Oakland, Armstrong county, was born in Strattonville, Clarion Co., Pa., March 27, 1859, son of James C. and Mary Ann (Maxwell) McEntire, both natives of Pennsylvania and pioneers of Strattonville.

Edward McEntire, his grandfather, was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and came to this country to become an early settler of Center county, Pa. Later he removed to Clarion county, and died there. His children were: Eliza, who married Jack Rarer; Nancy, who married John T. Coax; Clafare, who married a Hassey; Barney M.; James C, and Lawrence.

James C. McEntire was a blacksmith by trade. He grew to manhood in Center county, and early located at what is now Mechanicsville, Pa. Here he worked at his trade for sixty years, when he retired, and is now residing at Reynoldsville, enjoying the fruits of his early labor. He is now over eighty years of age, and enjoys good health. He married Mary Ann Maxwell, daughter of Isaac Maxwell, a farmer and pioneer of Jefferson county, Pa. Mr. McEntire has been a local preacher of the M. E. Church for over twenty-five years. He and his wife were the parents of five children, viz.: Lawrence J., of Reynoldsville, Pa.; William W.; Jennie, deceased; Ella, wife of Edward Hassey, of Los Angeles, Cal.; and Jasper N., of Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania.

William W. McEntire was reared in Clarion county, Pa., and received his education in the public schools there. He learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, and in 1879 came to Mahoning township, Armstrong county, where he worked at his trade for four years at Mahoning Furnace. Then he went to Oakland, where he worked nineteen years at the blacksmith's trade, in 1902 becoming engaged in running a general store, which has gradually increased its business until now he has a large trade. A painstaking man, his efforts to please have met with good results and he has become successful to a marked degree.

In 1883 Mr. McEntire was married to Alice, daughter of David and Catherine Jones, of Oakland, and they have four children: Mell C., Scott T., Clodie B. and Charles M. Mr. McEntire is an active, energetic man, one who has the interests of his community at heart and never found wanting when his efforts are needed. He is a member of the K. of M. and F. & A. M. He has served as treasurer and auditor of his township and overseer of the poor. In political preferment he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM HILEMAN, a farmer and business man of Manor township, Armstrong county, was born in that township Nov. 29, 1846, son of Jacob and Catherine (Iseman) Hileman. He is a grandson of Solomon Hileman and great-grandson of Peter and Elizabeth (Harter) Heilman (as the name was originally spelled), the founders of the family in this county. A lengthy account of the earlier generations appears elsewhere in this work, so it will be sufficient here to give a list of the twelve children of Peter and Elizabeth (Harter) Heilman, viz.: Gertrude, Mrs. Jacob Piser; Christina, Mrs. Joseph Piser; Mary, Mrs. Frederick Tarr; Susanna, Mrs. John King; John, who married Elizabeth Yount; Daniel, who married Lydia Yount; Solomon; Frederick, who married Margaret Ehenger; Robert, twin of Frederick, who died in boyhood; Margaret, Mrs. John Stitt; Elizabeth, and Jacob, who married Susanna Waltenbaugh.

Solomon Hileman, grandfather of William Hileman, was reared in Armstrong county, was a farmer, and lived in Kittanning township. He married Hannah Yount, and they had children as follows: Jacob, mentioned below; Joseph, who married Mary Iseman: William, who married Margaret Iseman; Alexander, who married Elizabeth Iseman; Adam, who married a Miss Goldstrom; Rachel, who married Michael Crytzer; Mary, who married Jonathan Farster; Ann, who married Joseph Richard; Sarah, who married George Schrum; and Susan, who married John Schrum, brother of George.

Jacob Hileman, son of Solomon, was also a farmer. He married Catherine Iseman, and their children were: Joseph, Michael, Lee, William, Alexander, John, Aaron, Jacob and Hannah (wife of Serenos Jackson). The father of this family died in 1860, the mother, who survived him many years, passing away March 11, 1907.

William Hileman was educated in the public schools of his district, and he has been interested in farming in Manor township practically all of his life. When he was eighteen years old he became interested in a lumber business in Elk and Forest counties, in Pennsylvania. In 1892 he established the Hileman distillery on his farm, and his output was a large one, his specialty being the Hileman rye, which brand gained him a widespread reputa-

tion for the purity and flavor of his product. This brand was recognized as one of the best and purest manufactured in the State. In 1907 he disposed of his interests in this line to a Mr. Goldman, of Ford City. Mr. Hileman is now a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of Ford City.

In 1867 Mr. Hileman married Margaret George, and they had one child, Thomas, who died in infancy. Mrs. Hileman died in 1869. On Sept. 7, 1871, Mr. Hileman married (second) Hannah Spear, and they had children as follows: Kittie, wife of Oliver Riggle; Cora, who died May 13, 1906; Homer; Retta, wife of Roy Bowser; and Annie. The mother of these died April 27, 1885, and in 1888 Mr. Hileman married (third) Ida Streightiff, daughter of Jacob Streightiff. Four children were born to this union: Mamie, died Feb. 21, 1901; Blanche, a graduate of the Ford City high school; Audley, and Ruth.

JOHN WICK, Jr., founder of Wickboro (now a part of the borough of Kittanning) and a Kittanning capitalist and promoter of conspicuous standing, was born in Kittanning May 15, 1859, son of John and Sophia Wick.

John Wick, Sr., and his wife were born in Germany, and came to the United States in 1856, locating at Kittanning. He was a shoemaker by trade, and found ready employment for his skill in the new home, being so successful that he was encouraged to open a shoe store in the borough, conducting it with very satisfactory results until his retirement, a few years prior to his death, which took place Aug. 1, 1908; his wife passed away in June, 1908. They were active and devout members of the Reformed Church.

John Wick, Jr., attended public school until the age of eleven, when he began to earn his own living, securing employment at fifty cents a day. Later he learned shoemaking, which trade he followed for some time, working from sixteen to eighteen hours per day. All this while he carefully saved his money, and was finally able to embark in a mercantile business. For ten years he conducted this, but in 1889 sold to engage in a pottery concern. He erected the Wick China Company's plant, the first of its kind in Pennsylvania, manufacturing semiporcelain dinner and toilet ware. He was made president and general manager of the company. From its beginning Mr. Wick has extended his operations until he has become connected with some of the most important interests of this part of the county. His keen judgment, deep insight into business conditions and the relative value of demand and supply, have made him a valued and honored associate in any undertaking he could be induced to enter. In 1892 Mr. Wick and his brother Fred purchased a large tract of land, which they laid out and named Wickboro, Mr. Wick being president and manager of the company. They sold seven hundred lots, erected houses, selling them upon easy terms, and the result is that the residents of Wickboro own their homes. Perhaps no other man has done more to improve the conditions of the laboring man in Kittanning and Wickboro than Mr. Wick. In addition to making it possible for men in moderate circumstances to buy homes, he has given employment to hundreds in his various industries. In 1895 he established the Wickboro Brick Company, on a farm, now in Kittanning; this is now the Kittanning Brick & Fire Clay Company. He went into this with his brother Fred, Dr. Jessop and Orr Buffington. The quality of brick manufactured has made the output of this plant famous from Maine to Texas. The success of this enterprise gives Armstrong county the distinction of being the home of one of the largest manufacturing plants in the world devoted to this line of brick production. In 1898 Mr. Wick, in conjunction with Capt. J. B. Ford, erected the Ford China Company plant at what is now Ford City. This company soon developed a large business, and eventually took its place among the leaders in this particular line in the world. Ford City was built up about this factory, which employs five hundred men. In 1900 Mr. Wick sold his interest in the Wick China Company and bought out Captain Ford, becoming sole proprietor of the Ford China Company, thus continuing until 1904. In 1902 he donated the ground for the Kittanning Plate Glass Company's plant, so as to secure for Kittanning this large industry, which also employs many men; and through his influence, also, the Kittanning Mirror Company was established. He was one of the pioneer natural gas producers in Armstrong county, which has produced more natural gas than any other county in the State of Pennsylvania. In 1913 Mr. Wick built the Wick Opera House, one of the finest opera house buildings in Pennsylvania, of solid concrete fireproof construction; the seating capacity is twelve hundred.

It is impossible in an article of this length to go into Mr. Wick's work fully. However, it is but just to state that while he has pros-



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pered in his undertakings his success represents but a small measure of the good he has accomplished. The manufacturing enterprises founded by Mr. Wick (or in whose establishment he assisted) in the vicinity of Kittanning have employed hundreds and paid in wages to date over sixteen million dollars. In fourteen years the assessed valuation in Wickboro rose to $1,100,000 from a beginning of a few houses, the taxes now amounting to $40,700 annually. Aside from the material advantage of his successful operations to the community, the example he sets and the lessons his energy and willingness to labor hard for desirable results teach go far to aid others in their desire to better existing conditions.

In 1885 Mr. Wick married Ursilla B. Kinsey, of East Liverpool, Ohio, daughter of Jonathan and Margaret Ann (Thompson) Kinsey, the former the pioneer pottery manufacturer at East Liverpool, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Wick have one daughter, Kathryne B., now the wife of Marcus Allison Smith, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; they have one son, Marcus Allison, Jr.

T. J. BALDRIGE, son of the late William T. Baldrige, of Cokeville, Pa., and grandson of Dr. David Baldrige, late of New Alexandria, Pa., was born in Blairsville, Pa., May 7, 1866. He was educated in the public schools of Westmoreland county, and afterward became a clerk in R. H. Hatham's "The White Store," at Cokeville, for five years. In 1884 he came to Apollo, Armstrong county, and entered the Diamond store as clerk, subsequently serving in the same capacity in the office of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company. He also conducted a grocery store in Apollo for six years.

In 1908 Mr. Baldrige took charge of the Apollo *News-Record*. The plant has been entirely modernized, new machinery added, and a typesetting machine is soon to be installed. As an editor Mr. Baldrige's influence is always exerted for the uplifting of the moral tone of the people and the upbuilding of the town. He has always advocated the establishment of new industrial enterprises and it was greatly through the agitation of the plan, in his paper, that the wonderful electrically operated rolling mill of the Apollo Steel Company was erected within the last year. As a news gatherer Mr. Baldrige is not excelled by one of his contemporaries, and although the *News-Record* is but a weekly, it has the appearance and contains the news items usually to be seen in papers of metropolitan circulation.

In 1886 Mr. Baldrige was united in marriage to Lillie M. Jack, daughter of the late S. S. Jack, who was accountant for the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company and its predecessors for twenty-eight years. Six children blessed this union: H. Gay, bookkeeper and typewriter for her father; Samuel S., foreman in the *News-Record* printing office; Eugene T., instructor of piano and pipe organ; Margaret U., who will graduate from the Apollo high school this year; Thomas J., in the first year of high school; and Dudley R., a school boy of ten years.

Mr. Baldrige is a busy man. Besides looking after his publishing business, he is secretary of the Apollo Cemetery Association, has been teacher of a large men's Bible class in the Methodist Church, and is now assistant superintendent of the Sunday school of that church, the largest in the county. He is also superintendent of the adult Bible class work of Armstrong county, and chorister of the Apollo Methodist Church, in which he holds "local relation." He and his son Samuel S. are members of the official board of the M. E. Church, the son having been a member since the age of sixteen, secretary of the Sunday school, financial secretary of the church, and having held several other positions of honor and trust in the organization.

Mr. Baldrige is a descendant of Gen. Arthur St. Clair, who was governor of the Northwest Territory from 1789 to 1802, and who conducted the campaign against the Indians of Ohio in 1791. He is also descended from a daughter of Sir James Holmes, governor of Belfast, Ireland, who married William Baldrige, a Welsh merchant tailor, against the wishes of her parents. Finding them obdurate, the young couple came to America and settled in Lancaster, Pa., where they were laid to rest many years ago.

In his home life Mr. Baldrige is an admirable husband and father, his chief aim being to educate and develop his children into citizens of honor to themselves and the community. In this ambition he is admirably seconded by his wife, both parents being companions and counselors to their children, who in return give to their parents the respect and affection engendered by perfect trust. It is truly an ideal home, in which all of the members live, and do not simply exist.

CLARENCE CARSON PARKS, M. D., physician, residing at Leechburg, Pa., is a descendant of one of the early families of Armstrong county. He was born at Leechburg Jan. 26, 1880, son of Jacob H. Parks.

Clarence C. Parks attended the public schools of Leechburg and later the academy at Elder's Ridge, and after considerable preparatory study entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1906. For a short period afterward he was with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Blairsville, Pa., and then spent six months as an interne at the McKeesport hospital, following which he located at Leechburg, where he has succeeded in building up a very satisfactory practice. He keeps in touch with all medical movements of importance and is secretary of the Leechburg Scientific and Protective Association, of which he was one of the organizers, and belongs to the Armstrong County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the National Medical Association. Aside from his general practice, Dr. Parks is local physician for the Masons, the Maccabees and the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Parks married Zoe Van Dyke, and they have one son, Richard Hill.

Jacob H. Parks, father of Dr. Parks, is the leading druggist at Leechburg. His wife died June 18, 1910, survived by six children: Ora B., who is the wife of W. Lester Walker, residing at Tarentum, Pa.; Lucinda Blanche, who resides with her father; Julia Taylor, who is a teacher of music; Clarence Carson; John Bratton, who is a druggist, now postmaster; and Mary C., who resides at home.

WILLIAM LEE NYE is a farmer and stock raiser of Perry township, Armstrong county, cultivating a fine property of 217 acres a half mile north of Queenstown.

J. G. Nye, father of William L. Nye, was a native of Beaver county, Pa., born May 24, 1837. During the Civil war he served in an Ohio regiment, enlisting July 16, 1861, in Company A, 39th O. V. I., and served until Nov. 19, 1862, when he was honorably discharged. For a number of years he lived at West Virginia, in Parkersburg, and later at Elizabeth, following the legal profession until his death, which occurred in Taylor county, W. Va. He passed away June 12, 1913, aged seventy-six years, and is buried in Bluemont cemetery at Grafton, Taylor county. On Sept. 26, 1872, Mr. Nye was married at Parkersburg, W. Va., to Nancy Catherine Lyons, of Wood county, that state, daughter of Joseph Lyons. They had a family of eleven children, eight of whom survive. William, the fourth child, is the only member of the family living in Armstrong county. The mother makes her home at Grafton. Like her husband she is a member of the Lutheran Church. He was a Democrat on political questions.

William L. Nye was born Nov. 29, 1877, at Elizabeth, Wirt Co., W. Va., and received his education in the common schools of that place. After commencing life on his own account he was engaged in racing horses, at Grafton, until his removal to Armstrong county in 1908. He has since lived at his present home in Perry township, Armstrong county. There are about forty acres of woodland on the property, the rest of which is devoted to general farming; about one hundred and fifty fruit trees are on the place. Mr. Nye raises standard bred horses and grade cattle and hogs, and besides his agricultural work is engaged in the production of gas, there being three wells on the farm, one of which he owns.

Mr. Nye married Mrs. Nellie (Blair) Jennings, who was born in Liverpool, England, came to America when nine years old with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Blair, and received her schooling at Scranton, Pa. She is an accomplished artist. Mr. and Mrs. Nye have no children. Fraternally Mr. Nye holds membership in the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Democrat, but takes no part in politics.

PROF. TRUMAN C. CHEESEMAN, principal of the Kittanning high school, and one of the leading young educators of Armstrong county, was born Jan. 31, 1885, at Slate Lick, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of Dr. John C. and Sallie (Peal) Cheeseman, and grandson of John Cheeseman. The latter was a resident of Butler county, Pa., and was a farmer by occupation.

Dr. John C. Cheeseman is a practicing physician at Grove City, Pa. He is the father of two children, Truman C. and R. C., the latter a mechanical engineer at Middletown, Ohio.

Truman C. Cheeseman was educated at Grove City, attending both the common and high schools, following which he entered Grove City College, from which he was graduated in 1905. He subsequently took a postgraduate course at the Ohio University, at Athens, Ohio, in 1907. Meantime, during 1905 and 1906, he taught school in Crawford county, Pa., and came to Kittanning in 1907; in 1908 he was appointed principal of the Kittanning high school. This responsible position he has filled ever since to the entire satisfaction of all parties concerned. Professor Cheeseman is recognized as one of the most

advanced educators in the county, and is a young man of more than ordinary ability. Fraternally he is a member of the order of Elks, belonging to the lodge at Kittanning. His religious home is in the Presbyterian Church, of which he is an active member.

JACOB FRANK CARNAHAN was born in what is now Parks township, Armstrong county, at "Stitts Mill," on Feb. 25, 1860. He was the second son of Adam and Esther (Long) Carnahan. He has been a resident of Leechburg and the vicinity all his life, is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and of the John Knox Bible class, and for years has been familiarly known all along the Kiskiminetas valley as "Neighbor" Carnahan. He has all the traits to make him worthy the name. He has a reputation as a grower of fine flowers, and his gardens have been noted and admired for years. For many years he was the support of his widowed mother, who died about 1910.

When the Spanish war was declared Mr. Carnahan enlisted in Capt. Austin Clark's company, and was assigned to Company G, of the 16th Regiment in the Porto Rican campaign of the Spanish-American conflict, and was promoted to corporal. Serving throughout the war, he was honorably discharged at its close, returning to Leechburg with sixteen others from the town and neighborhood, among whom was Lieut. Harry Bolar, of his own town. Corporal Carnahan has been in the employ of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company and their predecessors in Leechburg for thirty-one years and is still with them at this writing, 1913, in the capacity of gate watchman. Mr. Carnahan is a good citizen and respected by all who have ever known him, and most dutifully cared for his mother for many years.

SAMUEL HOWARD McCAIN, attorney, of Kittanning, one of the ablest men in his profession of Armstrong county, is a representative of an old North of Ireland Presbyterian family, which has been settled there for almost a century.

The McCains lived in Tyrone, Ireland, and George McCain, great-grandfather of Samuel Howard McCain, came to this country from County Tyrone, in 1812 settling in (South) Buffalo township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he purchased a farm and a distillery. One George McCain had a gristmill at Freeport, on lot 123, conveyed to Robert Lowry's estate in 1839. In 1883 it was owned by Iseman & Patterson. In religion he was a Cumberland Presbyterian, and his name appears on a "call to ministry" made by the congregation of Slate Lick, viz.: "In testimony whereof we respectively submit our names this the third day of November, 1814. N. B. the call is designed for the one half of our labours in the gospel. (Signed) James Hill, Adam Maxwell, John Matthias, Jr., Jacob Young, Jr., Patrick Callon, John Boney, David Feales, Thomas Cuscaden, George McCaine, John Ralston, David Ralston, James Clark, James Boles, William Morrison, Robert Morrison."

Mr. McCain married Rebecca Ralston, and they had a family of five children, two sons and three daughters.

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William McCain, son of George, was born in Ireland. He settled with his parents in South Buffalo township and became one of the prosperous farmers and general merchants of the locality, doing business in Freeport. A man of progressive ideas, he was also interested in the manufacture of salt, and was well known in his day. In 1853 he went to California, being honored with election as judge during his residence there. He was a lawyer of ability. Later he returned to Freeport. In March, 1859, the McCall heirs conveyed an "entire parcel" of land at Mount Pleasant to William McCain for $411.40. In 1825 Mr. McCain married Elizabeth Galbraith, who was born in 1804 in Butler county, Pa., and died in Freeport in 1889. A woman of remarkable force of character, she was noted for religious fervor and high Christian principles.

William Galbraith McCain, son of William, was born in Freeport, Pa., and there reared, helping with the work at home in summers and attending school in winters. In 1855 he went out to California, where he was quite successful in prospecting for gold, accumulating $10,000 before he decided to return home. Later he lived at Freeport, where he was in the lumber business for seventeen years, being a lumber manufacturer. He is now located at Bristol, Tenn., whither he moved sixteen years ago, engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of lumber. On February 18, 1864, he married Nancy Rowland, who died Nov. 29, 1902, aged sixty-four years. She was a Presbyterian in religion, as is also Mr. McCain. Of the five children born to them, four lived to maturity: William A., who is in partnership with his father; Elizabeth R., wife of Dr. J. M. Cooley, of Kittanning, Pa.; James P., in partnership with his father; and Samuel Howard.

Samuel Howard McCain was born April 27, 1875, at Freeport, and obtained his early education there in the public schools. Later he went to Chambersburg Academy, in Franklin county, Pa., where he graduated in 1897, continuing his studies at Yale College, when he took the law course. He was graduated in 1900 and admitted to the bar at New Haven in the same year, beginning practice shortly thereafter at Grantsville, W. Va. He remained there a year, as attorney for an oil company, and then returning to Kittanning gained admission to the Armstrong county bar, in 1903. Forming a partnership with ex-Judge Calvin Rayburn, the association continued for two years, and since its dissolution Mr. McCain has practiced alone. He is recognized as one of the most capable of the younger lawyers, and has been associated with a number of important cases. Politically he is a Republican, but he is not active in party affairs and has never sought office. Fraternally he affiliates with the Masons, belonging to Blue Lodge, No. 244, of Kittanning, and Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M., also of Kittanning. In religious faith a Presbyterian, he and his wife hold membership in the church of that denomination.

On Jan. 18, 1908, Mr. McCain was united in marriage with Mary E. Adele Gilpin, daughter of John and Olive (McConnell) Gilpin, the former a distinguished lawyer of Kittanning who passed away in 1883. Two children, Samuel Howard and John Gilpin, have been born to this marriage.

JOHN C. HUNTER, M. D., a physician and surgeon of Apollo, Armstrong county, was born April 13, 1865, in Cook township, Westmoreland county, Pa., son of James and Martha (Bailey) Hunter.

James Hunter was born in Pennsylvania, while his wife is a native of New York State. They are now living in Westmoreland county, Pa., aged seventy-six and seventy-four years, respectively. He is a carpenter and builder.

Dr. Hunter attended common school until he was thirteen years old, when he spent a year in a normal school. Following this, for several years, he clerked in various general stores, and then learned the carpenter's trade under his father, with whom he worked until he took up the study of medicine. When he was eighteen years old he began reading medicine under the instruction of Dr. L. C. Thomas, thus continuing for five years. Entering the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore, Md., he was graduated therefrom in 1893, and after six months spent as an interne in the Baltimore City hospital he came to Apollo, where he entered upon general practice. During the succeeding years he has built up a large and lucrative practice, and is recognized as one of the able members of his profession in this locality.

On May 24, 1888, Dr. Hunter was married in Youngstown, Pa., to Loretta Cribbs. Dr. and Mrs. Hunter became the parents of four children, three of whom are living: Martha, born Oct. 11, 1891; Lauren, born Feb. 28, 1895, and Mildred, born July 4, 1899.

Dr. Hunter belongs to the Armstrong County Medical Society. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Armstrong Lodge, No. 437; is a member of the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 541; of the Knights of Pythias, Uniformed Rank, and is brigade surgeon of the latter. He is also a past exalted ruler of the Elks, belonging to Apollo Lodge, No. 386, and is a life member of this order, his association with it dating from March 20, 1903.

JOEL E. KINNARD, Esq., is one of the best known citizens of Burrell township, Armstrong county, where he has long been identified with educational interests, business and public affairs, prominent in politics and the local government, and in every relation of life a man highly respected for his ability and genuine worth. Mr. Kinnard was born Oct. 14, 1854, on the same site in Burrell township where he now has his home, son of Isaac and Mary A. (Helferich) Kinnard.

Isaac Kinnard was born in 1812, died in 1884, in Westmoreland county, Pa., and was of Scotch descent. He married Mary A. Helferich, who was born in 1816 in Armstrong county, of German stock, being a daughter of Anthony and Mary Helferich, and to them were born fourteen children, of whom Joel E. was the youngest; he is now the sole survivor. Lavinia married Jacob George; Harriet married Jacob Darbaker; Susanna married Elijah Lookabaugh, and she dying he married her sister Emily; Anthony H. married Margaret Schaeffer. These and Joel E. lived to maturity and had families. The others died young.

Joel E. Kinnard was reared and educated in Burrell township, where he has passed all his life. At an early age he began teaching, in which profession he has been engaged since Oct. 27, 1873, and in that capacity he has become widely and favorably known, more than one generation having come under his influence and care. His high qualities as a man have made his services doubly valuable, for



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he has not only been an intelligent educator but one whose position has enabled him to direct many young people toward better things, and he has never failed to use his opportunities of this kind, which he regards as equally important as the mental instruction he imparts.

Mr. Kinnard has taken an active part in local affairs. He served five years, from 1903 to 1908, as justice of the peace, has been health officer, local registrar of vital statistics, secretary of the board of supervisors, and in every trust has discharged his duties faithfully. He has been a prominent worker in the Republican party, has served eight years as member of the election board of his township, and has been member of the county executive committee from Burrell township. In 1900 he was engaged on the government geological survey. He has to some extent also interested himself in business, being a director of the South Bend Mutual Insurance Company and a member of the company of the Kinnard Woolen Factory at Cochran Mills. The tract of fifty-eight acres where he resides is his property, and he raises vegetables and hay.

On May 11, 1876, Mr. Kinnard was married to Amanda Rupert, of Burrell township, who was born Oct. 12, 1856, and they have had four children, two sons and two daughters: (1) Charles Ewing, born Jan. 1, 1878, married Leone Hileman, and has three children, Clark Dallas, Freda Lavada and Katherine Marie Hileman. (2) Ada May died when three years, three months old. (3) Harry Raymond was born June 21, 1884. (4) Hazel Alberta was born April 10, 1898. The family are members of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, at Brick Church. Mr. Kinnard is a member of the Woodmen and the Jr. O. U. A. M.

Few citizens of Burrell township have been associated with so many phases of its everyday life and progress as has Mr. Kinnard, and he ranks deservedly among its most honored residents, his public spirit and intelligent devotion to the promotion of various good movements having been productive of results which have benefited the community appreciably.

Ephraim Rupert, father of Mrs. Joel E. Kinnard, married Mrs. Susanna (King) Schall, widow of Michael Schall, by whom she had two children: Mary, wife of Amos Altman, and John, who died unmarried. By Mr. Rupert she had children as follows: Henrietta, wife of John Grimes; Lucetta, wife of John Wagle; Louisa, wife of Samuel Sinclair; Amanda, wife of Joel E. Kinnard; Elizabeth, wife of William Clendenning; Rebecca, wife of Thomas J. Schaeffer; and Ephraim, who married Emma Hankey.

ANTHONY WAYNE SMITH, owner of the Pleasant Valley stock farm, known as the home of Hyland Barron, in Gilpin township, Armstrong county, was born in South Bend township, this county, July 8, 1853, son of John Smith.

Henry Smith, his grandfather, was a native of Armstrong county, and in early life resided in Burrell township, where he was a farmer, later moving to South Bend township and making his home there until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-two years old. His children were: John, Frederick, George, Isaac, Anthony, Philip, Catherine, Sarah and Mrs. Simon Heilman.

John Smith, son of Henry Smith, was born Feb. 23, 1820, in Burrell township, where he was educated and taught the cooper's trade. For many years he furnished barrels of his own manufacture to people all over Armstrong county. He also followed farming in South Bend township, although his principal interest was in his coopering business. His death occurred in Avonmore in Westmoreland county, Pa., when he, like his father, had attained the age of eighty-two years. On Oct. 23, 1847, he married Elizabeth George, who was born July 28, 1826, near Chambersburg, in Franklin county, Pa., and died Dec. 11, 1913, in her eighty-eighth year. Their union was blessed with twelve children, four sons and eight daughters, viz.: A. W., of Leechburg, Pa.; C. A., of Pittsburgh; W. C., of Tarentum, Pa.; M. J., of Natrona, Pa.; Mrs. Anna Mary Silvus, of South Bend; Mrs. Jennie R. Hilty of Salina; Mrs. Emma N. Hill of Leechburg; Mrs. Isabel R. Parke of Natrona; Mrs. Ella L. Wilson, of Avonmore; and Ophelia, Amelia and Cecelia, triplets, the first named dying in 1903, the other two when nine months old.

Anthony Wayne Smith attended the local schools of his native township, and worked upon his father's farm until nineteen years of age. He then drove an oil team for his father in Clarion county for about two years. Following this he was in a butchering business for about six years, at Petersburg, Clarion Co., Pa. For the next few years he was employed in various ways, until he began farming for himself in Westmoreland county. After four years there he went to Wilkinsburg, where he engaged in the butchering business for four years more. Returning to Westmoreland county, he farmed for six

years. In 1893 he bought the old Hiram Hill homestead, owned by his father-in-law, located on the Kittanning road, in Gilpin township, Armstrong county, comprising 135 acres of valuable land. He has sold a portion of it, now owning 128 acres. On this property he specializes in raising fine fruit, including apples and pears, his orchards being among the best in this part of the State. There are two natural gas wells on the farm, owned by the Gilpin Gas Company. Mr. Smith has some of the finest stock of horses in this section, and is very well known in his line of business.

In 1878 Mr. Smith married Frances S. Hill, daughter of Hiram Hill, and their union has been blessed with four children, as follows: Elmer C., a druggist, of Leechburg, Pa.; Hermon H., at home; John H., of Leechburg, who was married in 1905 to Glennie Riggle, and they have had four children, Frances F., Edwin, Carroll and Robert; and Frank E., who is a student at Gettysburg, Pa., preparing for the Lutheran ministry. Mr. Smith is a Democrat, and served Gilpin township as school director. He is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church.

Hill. Hiram Hill, now deceased, father of Mrs. Smith, was born Dec. 17, 1812, and died Jan. 15, 1891, aged seventy-eight years, twenty-nine days. His wife, Margaret Shaffer, born May 5, 1809, died May 20, 1887, aged seventy-eight years, fifteen days. They were buried at the Forks Church in Gilpin township. Mr. and Mrs. Hill had children as follows: Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Gosser, of Leechburg, Pa., is deceased; Harriet died in infancy; Eliza died unmarried; Jefferson is a resident of Freeport, Pa.; Frances S. is the wife of A. W. Smith; Daniel M. is a farmer in Gilpin township.

HOWARD O. PETERS, editor and proprietor of the *Advance,* of Rural Valley, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born in Cowanshannock township, this county, April 12, 1886, son of James S. and Mary A. (Cooper) Peters.

Samuel F. Peters, his paternal grandfather, was born in 1800, and married Susan V. Johnston, who was born in 1790. Both were of Austin township, Delaware Co., Pa. She died in 1871, he in 1877. They had the following family: Samuel J., Charles V., William P., Maria and James S. All of these are now deceased.

James S. Peters was born April 22, 1834, in Austin township, Delaware county. In April, 1854, he came from Philadelphia to Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, and settled on the Peters farm, two miles south of Rural Valley, buying four hundred acres of land. There he passed the remainder of his life, excepting five years which he spent in Delaware county, dying June 20, 1890. Politically he was a strong Republican, and gave his hearty support to the candidates of his party. He was long a consistent member of the Methodist Church, to which he not only gave liberally, but held various offices, seldom being free from duties of this kind, which he conscientiously performed. He is buried in the Rural Valley cemetery.

On Sept. 11, 1853, Mr. Peters married Susan E. Smith, which union was blessed by the following children: Arabella R., Eudora J., Susan V., Samuel F. and Isaac Wilbert, the two last named surviving. The mother of this family died May 14, 1873, and on Dec. 25, 1873, Mr. Peters married (second) Mary A. Cooper, third daughter of James Cooper, who was born at Elderton, Armstrong Co., Pa., May 22, 1843. But this union there were children as follows: James M., Mary I., Charles B., Etta M. (who died young), Frank E., Robert J. (deceased) and Howard O. Mrs. Peters now lives with her son H. O. in Rural Valley.

James Cooper, paternal grandfather of Howard O. Peters, was a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., born in 1809. On May 16, 1839, he married Mary Mitchell, who was born in 1817, daughter of George and Sydney Mitchell, of Westmoreland county. In 1840 they moved to Elderton, Armstrong county, where they resided for six years, during which time he was employed as cabinetmaker. In the year 1846 they moved to the farm of his father-in-law, George Mitchell, two miles south of Rural Valley, and there spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring April 10, 1887, hers on March 15, 1899; their son, J. R. Cooper, now owns and lives upon this property. They had a family of ten children, four sons and six daughters, namely: George M., Robert E., James R., Samuel Q., Sidney J., a child that died at birth, Mary A., Matilda H., Nancy J., and Martha C. All survive but Sidney J., Nancy J., Martha C. and the one that died in infancy.

Howard O. Peters began his education in the local school and grew up in healthy rural surroundings. In July, 1900, he left the farm, moving with his mother and brother F. E. to Rural Valley, making their home on School street. One year later he took up the painter's

trade with his brother, J. M., following same during the summer and in the winter months attending the public school at Rural Valley. He was engaged at painting until Nov. 1, 1907, when he purchased a half interest in a grocery store with Prof. E. E. Keeler, the business being conducted under the firm name of Keeler & Peters for one year and two weeks. Then they traded their store to O. S. Marshall, for the plant and business of the Rural Valley *Advance,* a four-page, seven-column weekly newspaper, published each Wednesday. It is distinctly a "home product," all the work being done at the local office. The deal with Mr. Marshall was closed Nov. 12, 1908, from which time until March 8, 1910, the *Advance* office was run under the ownership of Keeler & Peters. Then the latter bought his partner's interest and has since been sole proprietor. He conducts his establishment with the help of three lady typesetters. The circulation of the paper has been increasing steadily, and the general business has also shown a gratifying growth. In the summer of 1911 Mr. Peters purchased from W. H. Crouch a half lot adjoining his restaurant on the west, and thereon erected a two-story and basement building, 26 by 50 feet in dimensions, moving his printing office into the first floor. He and his family reside in the second story. The basement is used for the storing of automobiles, for which Mr. Peters has the agency, and he does a good business in that line as well as in the auto livery business during the summer months.

The Rural Valley *Advance* was started by T. G. Hosick Jan. 1, 1901, with a business, news and editorial office in Rural Valley, the mechanical work being done in the *Record* office at Kittanning. This state of affairs continued until Aug. 1, 1901, when O. S. Marshall bought the *Record* and he and Mr. Hosick consolidated the two papers, moving the printing plant of the latter to Rural Valley. The publication of the *Record* was then discontinued, the interests of all being represented by the *Advance,* which was issued by the firm of Marshall & Hosick. The paper was published in the old town hall, located at the rear end of R. M. Trollinger's lot. In March, 1902, O. S. Marshall purchased the interest of his partner, and continued to operate the business alone for about a month, when he sold a third interest to E. E. Keeler, the new firm becoming Marshall & Keeler. They published the *Advance* and conducted a successful job printing business until October, 1907, when Mr. Marshall purchased the interest of Mr. Keeler. During all these years, the plant had been located in the old city hall, but in the spring of 1908 the lease for the ground on which the hall stood expired, and Mr. Marshall moved the printing plant to the J. A. Dixon building, on the south side of Main street. In November of the same year, Mr. Marshall traded the plant and business to E. E. Keeler and H. O. Peters, and they took charge under the firm name of Keeler & Peters.

The policy of the paper is firmly maintained, and its patrons secure clean, bright, snappy news, with forceful editorials. Its position is fully established, and merchants recognize its power as an advertising medium. Much of the present prosperity of the paper is due to the good business management of Mr. Peters, who is not only a strong writer, but a practical man in every respect. He is a young man of strong convictions, believing in the freedom of the press and recognizing the responsibility resting upon those who enter the field of newspaper work to use their influence for the encouragement and support of all that is the best for the general welfare. His paper has always been considered a fearless organ, advocating high moral standards and the utmost integrity in civic life.

On April 27, 1910, Mr. Peters married L. Alice Jewart, daughter of Z. Erastus and Sarah F. (Moore) Jewart, of Cowanshannock township, who were married June 30, 1880, and had three children, Ross M., a daughter that died at birth and L. Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Peters have had one daughter, Dora Mildred, born Nov. 25, 1912. Mr. Peters is a member of the Methodist Church and an interested worker, serving as usher and as librarian of the Sunday school. In February, 1914, he joined Rural Valley Lodge, No. 766, I. O. O. F. In his political views he is a Republican, but he has not taken any direct part in politics except through the medium of his paper, and has never sought office. During the summer of 1909 Mr. Peters enjoyed a pleasant trip to California and along the coast of Washington, taking his mother with him.

Z. Erastus Jewart, father of Mrs. Peters, was the eldest son of Alexander and Mary Ann (Roof) Jewart, both of whom were natives of Indiana county, Pa. They had a family of ten children: Z. Erastus, Arcturas Preston, Jane, Margaret, Callie, Elmer, Harvey Clark, Alexander, John Festus and Sylvester Melanthon. Alexander Jewart followed agricultural pursuits for a number of years, and owned some of the finest orchards in this region. He

served as justice of peace for a number of years.

John Moore, maternal grandfather of Mrs. H. O. Peters, came from Germany to the United States when ten years old, and was the only member of his family who lived to reach this country, the rest dying en route. He settled in Fayette county, Pa. He married Lydia Varnes, and in the fall of 1852 they moved to Barnards, Armstrong Co., Pa., the first winter living in the schoolhouse. They were the parents of seven children: Martin, Samuel R., Isaac, John, Ross S., Mary and Sarah F. (Sallie). All were born in Fayette county except Sarah F., the youngest, who was born after the family removed to Barnards. John Moore lived in Delaware and was employed at the Du Pont Powder Works for some time.

COLIN CAMPBELL was associated with the most important manufacturing interests of Leechburg for a number of years before his death, as a member of the firm of Kirkpatrick & Co., Limited, with which he was connected throughout the period of his residence in Leechburg. A man of strong mentality, trained and developed under advantageous circumstances, he was not only one of the most useful citizens of his generation as a manufacturer, but distinguished also for social and Christian qualities, which made him one of the most noted men of the place.

Born Aug. 26, 1832, at Dunfermline, Scotland, he was a son of Daniel and Janet (McKenzie) Campbell, both of whom were of ancient and honorable ancestry. His brothers and their sons were all professional men. He was related to several of the ancient and celebrated clans, including the McKenzies, McDonalds and Stewarts, whose name was originally written Steward. They were descended from King Robert the Bruce of Scotland, through his daughter Margery, who married Walter, the high steward of Scotland, and took the name and arms from that office. Descended from the Clan of Argyll, of which the late Duke of Argyll was the head, the Campbells were entitled to that coat of arms, which the members of the family in England and Scotland still use. Mr. Campbell, however, after coming to America, used only the crest, being thoroughly Democratic in his views and tastes. Mr. Campbell was brought up under his uncle, Thomas McKenzie, of Scotland, who was a member of a large iron works and shipbuilding company on the Clyde, a gentleman of education and high business qualifications. So thorough was the training which he received during the several years of his association with this concern, that when Mr. Campbell was twenty-one years old it was said that he could estimate, to within a few pounds sterling, the cost of building any ship. He was equally conversant with every branch related to shipbuilding, and in time became engaged in business on his own account in the manufacture of steel wire. He was still a young man when he came to America, first settling at Boston, and the Civil war breaking out soon afterward he entered the Union army. Subsequently he went into the navy, in which he served until the close of the war. Returning to Boston, he continued there a short time, about thirty-five years ago going west to Pittsburgh, where he became associated with the firm of Jones & Laughlin, in a responsible position. Later he became cashier of the Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank, at Sharpsburg, Pa., where he was associated with George Chalfant, of Spang, Chalfant & Co., president of that bank. In 1882 he came to Leechburg, where he took the position of general superintendent for J. C. Kirkpatrick and J. C. Wallace, the business of Kirkpatrick & Co. being put on a new and thoroughly systematic basis under his management. Soon afterward the firm was reorganized, and he became a member of Kirkpatrick & Co., Limited. This was about thirty years ago, 1884. Mr. Campbell's ideas and management proved very successful, and the mills were put into splendid working order, for which much credit is due him. His early experience and training in the steel business enabled him to see the needs of the plant, and his unusual business attainments helped him to carry out his plans with a degree of success that would have been impossible in one less grounded in all the essential details. Inheriting qualities of a high order from a long line of ancestors, his intellect and strength invited responsibilities, his environment and early teachings, together with a thorough education, made him a man whose worth was recognized wherever he went, and he was relied upon by all who came in contact with him. Maintaining the highest ideals of honor and integrity in all the relations of life, he was looked up to by all his associates and employees. He retired from active business a short time before the sale of the mill to the combine, retaining his interest, however, until the change.

Coming of strong Presbyterian stock, Mr. Campbell was brought up in the faith of that church, and his Christian training was such as to emphasize the strong characteristics of the high minded race from which he sprang. Firm



O. M. Campbell

in his convictions, straightforward in manner and without any affectation, he despised pretense and any display, and lived always an unostentatious life.

Mr. Campbell married Elizabeth Lang, daughter of Hugh Lang, an officer in the British army, who served all through the Peninsular campaign, resigning just before the battle of Waterloo. His wife, Elizabeth Thomson, was a member of an old Ayrshire family of Scotland. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Elizabeth McKenzie and Daniel McKenzie. Mr. Campbell died June 21, 1901.

Elizabeth McKenzie Campbell married Oscar Frederick Hammar, a native of Sweden, who came to the United States when nineteen years old. He had taken a course in mechanical engineering, and came to this country to get new ideas and enlarge his experience, not intending to stay. He first lived in Boston, becoming naturalized, and made his permanent home here, and has been associated with a number of firms as mechanical engineer in Boston, Providence, R. I., with the H. C. Frick Company at Scottdale, Pa., and afterward with the Westinghouse Electric Company at East Pittsburgh, resigning his position with that concern in 1902. After his retirement he took up painting, in which he has met with remarkable success, his ability being so much appreciated by the leading artists that he is considered the best copyist at the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington, D. C. Mr. Hammar is a man of thorough education, an accomplished linguist, knowing the Swedish, German, French and English languages, and he has studied music from childhood, being a fine performer on the piano and flute. Mr. and Mrs. Hammar have no children. They are members of the Holy Innocents Episcopal Church of Leechburg, of which Mr. Hammar is senior warden.

DANIEL McKENZIE CAMPBELL, son of Colin and Elizabeth (Lang) Campbell, is associated with some of the leading industrial and financial interests of Leechburg, where he occupies a position of high influence. He was born April 2, 1861, in Glasgow, Scotland, where he was educated, undergoing the rigorous mental discipline characteristic of Scottish educational institutions. He took a thorough course in analytical chemistry at Anderson's College, Glasgow, and remained in his native city until the following year. In 1883 he came to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he took a position as assistant chemist with the Pittsburgh Steel Casting Company which he held for one year. He then became chief chemist for Kirkpatrick & Co., Limited, at Leechburg, Pa., in which concern his father held a large interest and was then acting as chief superintendent. After a year here Mr. Campbell became chief chemist for the nail works and blast furnace of the E. & G. Brooke Iron Company at Birdsboro, Berks Co., Pa., where he remained four years. Returning to Leechburg he assumed the duties of superintendent in the Russia sheet iron department of the plant of Kirkpatrick & Co., Limited, and remained with that concern until it disposed of its plant, real estate and good will to the American Sheet Steel Company. Prior to this time he, with several others connected with Kirkpatrick & Co., Limited, organized the West Leechburg Steel & Tin Plate Company, to manufacture strips and bands. Lately the firm name has been changed to the West Leechburg Steel Company, consisting of J. W. and J. L. Kirkpatrick, James Lippincott, and D. N. Campbell, all old Kirkpatrick & Co., Limited, employees. These men are continuing the reputation their fathers established for high business qualities and capacity in the management of large interests. As treasurer and a heavy stockholder in the West Leechburg Steel Company Mr. Campbell takes just pride in the modernly equipped establishment which has done much more for Leechburg than affording employment to many of its citizens, for it is one of the substantial concerns whose location here has attracted considerable other capital. Further, he has given direct proof of his faith in the town by investing heavily in other local institutions, and promoting them whenever his influence is necessary. He is president of the Farmers' National Bank of Leechburg, and among his outside interests may be mentioned the National Fireproofing Company of Pittsburgh, of which he is a director; he is also a member of the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange. He is well fitted for responsibilities of an industrial and financial nature, and his practical scientific experience during the earlier years of his business career has proved of inestimable value where judgment must be based on expert knowledge. His many strong qualities and characteristic strictness in attending to all obligations have made him a trusted leader in all circles into which his activities have drawn him.

As a Mason, Mr. Campbell belongs to the blue lodge at Leechburg, chapter at Kittanning and Tancred Commandery, No. 48, K. T., of Pittsburgh.

On Sept. 4, 1895, Mr. Campbell married Margaretta C. Parr, daughter of Col. John G. Parr, a distinguished officer of the Civil war.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are members of the Holy Innocents Episcopal Church of Leechburg, of which he is a vestryman and lay reader. They have four children: Elizabeth Lang, Donald McKenzie, Alexander McKenzie and Douglas McKenzie.

COL. JOHN GILCHRIST PARR, deceased, who commanded the 139th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, during the Civil war, was a resident of Kittanning, Armstrong county, where his memory is honored not only by his family and veterans who served with him in the army, but by all who knew him. Named for his maternal grandfather, John Gilchrist, a soldier of the Revolution, he came from that substantial Scotch-Irish stock which has been so important an element in the development of Pennsylvania, and from which he derived their characteristic qualities of intellectual strength, high morality and strict integrity.

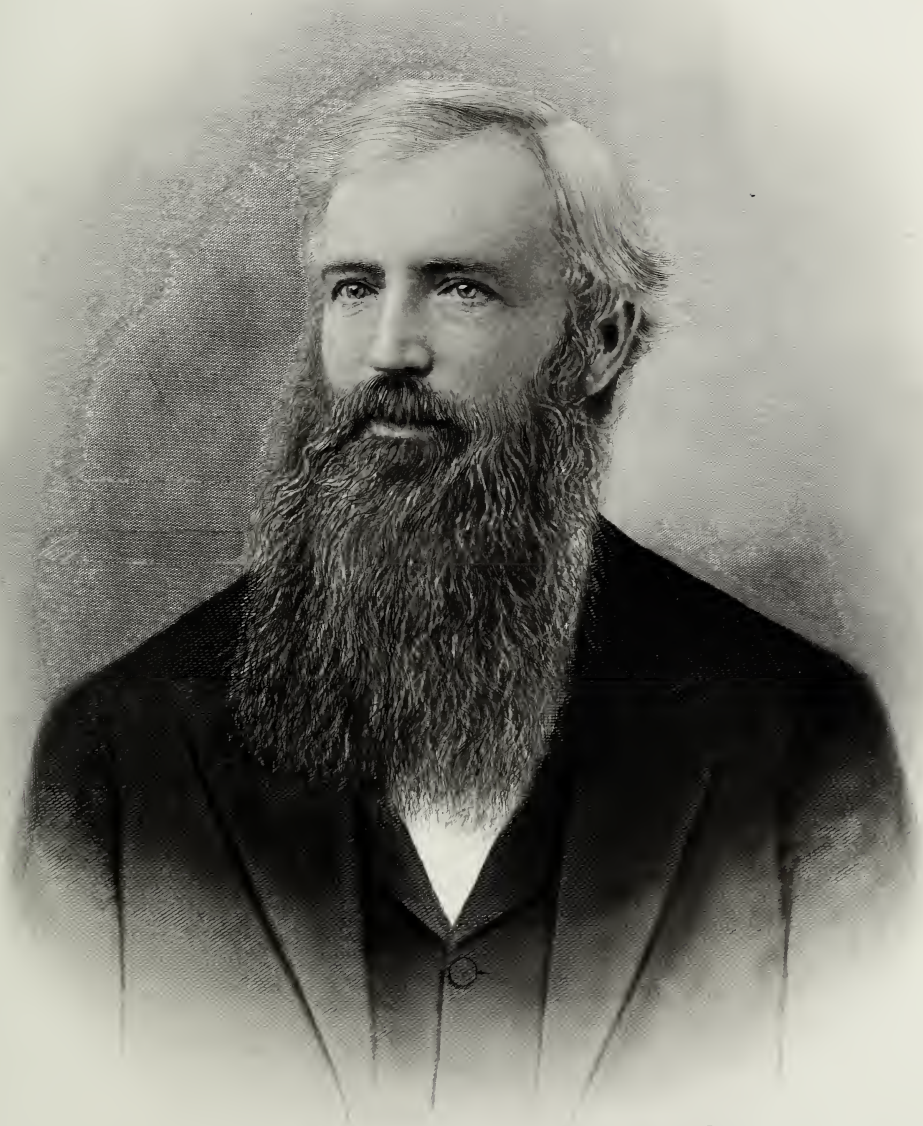
Colonel Parr was born Dec. 9, 1823, on his father's farm near New Alexandria, Westmoreland Co., Pa., son of James B. and Hannah C. (Gilchrist) Parr, the latter a daughter of Maj. John and Eleanor Gilchrist, the former of whom died in the mountains, on the way from New Jersey to Westmoreland county, and was buried on the mountains; his wife and several children proceeded to Greensburg, and she taught a young ladies' school. Mrs. Gilchrist died May 10, 1844, when about seventy-five years old.

When a young man John G. Parr went out to Illinois. He had studied surveying and learned the painter's trade, so he was not at a loss for employment. Making his home with his sister Elizabeth, Mrs. George Oyler, at Freeport, Ill., he was married there to Hannah Agnew Wiley, who died March 22, 1859, leaving two children, Bernard (who died at Leechburg when fifty-three years old, unmarried) and an infant of nine months; the latter died shortly after the mother. Colonel Parr then returned to Pennsylvania, settling near Leechburg, at his sister's, where he had been but a short time when the Civil war broke out. He raised Company C, of the 139th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was elected captain of the company, and later became colonel of the regiment, serving as such to the close of the war. At the battle of Cold Harbor he lost his right hand, but soon after rejoined his company, and subsequently became colonel.

On Nov. 5, 1867, Colonel Parr married (second) Mrs. Emma P. (Smith) Sparhawk, who was born at Manayunk (near Philadelphia), Pa., and was the widow of Thomas Sparhawk, of Philadelphia. To this union were born children as follows: (1) Lucy married Dr. Henry Wilson Temple, at present a member of Congress from Pennsylvania, and they have five children, John Parr, Martha Agnew, William Jameson, Henry Marshall and Edward Lawrence. (2) Margaretta Correy is the wife of Daniel McKenzie Campbell, a prominent business man of Leechburg, Armstrong county. (3) John Beaton is the youngest living child of Col. John G. Parr. (4) William Brooks died in infancy. The mother, Mrs. Emma P. (Smith) Parr, died in Philadelphia, Oct. 22, 1881.

John Smith, great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Emma P. (Smith) Parr, came to America from Ireland with his wife Susanna in 1720, at which time they had five children, the youngest of these, Robert, having been born at sea during the voyage. They made their home in what was then called the Brandywine settlement in Chester county, Pa., became prominent members of the Brandywine Manor Church, and prospered, Mr. Smith appearing among the holders of real estate in 1753. He died Dec. 19, 1765, aged seventy-nine years, his wife Dec. 14, 1767, at the age of seventy-six. They had fifteen children in all.

Robert Smith, the child of John and Susanna Smith, born at sea in 1720, died in December, 1803. The first public record which relates to him shows him as one of the subscribers to the support of Rev. Andrew Boyd, pastor of the Brandywine Church, 1747 to 1758. In 1757, before his marriage, when the Indians became restless and aggressive along this whole Pennsylvania border, Sergeant Smith is recorded as "going to Reading to be qualified," but there is no record that the command to which he belonged was called into action. When next his name appears in the records of the times all of his family of eleven children except the youngest had been born and he was a man of fifty-five years. He did important work for the Colonial cause during the Revolution. In August, 1775, he was thanked by the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania for a model of a machine to be used in handling chevaux-de-frise to be sunk in the Delaware, and he was soon afterward directed by council to report on the merits of rival plans for his work that had been submitted by Govett and Guion. After the spring freshet of 1776 had subsided, so that the river was low enough to allow the work to proceed with advantage, the council took up the defensive work in earnest, and in June of that year he



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was instructed to take charge of and sink the proposed obstruction in the channel. For nearly a year he remained in charge of this undertaking, during which time he was also engaged in planning the earthworks which were also used in the same line of defense. The Committee of Safety ordered, in January, 1777, that the committee appointed to view Liberty Island "repair as soon as season will permit with Robert Smith, John McNeal and David Rittenhouse, and lay out such works as they shall think sufficient, and that those gentlemen employ such persons as may be necessary to complete the work." During those years Mr. Smith was called into counsel to assist in preparing his native State for self-government, and he sat in the convention which on Sept. 28, 1776, adopted the first State constitution of Pennsylvania, an important and thoughtful document, which is said to have the distinction, among other advanced positions taken therein, of having been the first to enact religious liberty into the law. Mr. Smith had the responsible position of county lieutenant of Chester county until March 21, 1786, and besides attending to the duties of same served as sheriff of the county, to which office he was elected March 29, 1777, and again Nov. 21, 1778. He served one term in the State Legislature, 1785, and was one of the trustees of the State Loan Office, whose function it was to manage the indebtedness of the State, until 1787. At that time, when sixty-seven years old, he retired from public life. He had the title of colonel. His career was one which reflects the highest credit upon his intellect and integrity, and he was remembered as a man of upright and decided character. His life was prolonged for sixteen more years. He had grown very heavy, weighing 250 pounds. Mr. Smith was a staunch Presbyterian, a supporter to the end of his life of the Brandywine Manor Church, and from 1776 a ruling elder of that congregation.

On Dec. 20, 1758, Robert Smith married Margaret Vaughn, who was born Nov. 1, 1735, daughter of John and Emma (Parry) Vaughn, of Red Lion, Uwchlan township, Chester county, both of Welsh Baptist families. John Vaughn, born June 5, 1690, died May 24, 1750; his name first appears on record in Chester county in 1718. His wife, born 1700, died in 1791, was a daughter of Rowland Parry (born about 1665, died 1737), who lived at Haverford, Delaware Co., Pa. Mrs. Robert Smith survived her husband a number of years, dying March 18, 1822. After his death she spent part of the time at the home of Gen. Matthew Stanley, whose wife was her husband's niece, but the latter part of her days was spent at the home of her son, Joseph Smith, in Philadelphia. Her wedding ring is still in existence, a plain gold band bearing the inscription on the inside, "As God decreed, so we agreed."

Jonathan Smith, son of Robert, early left his birthplace in Uwchlan township, Chester county, and entered, probably about 1782, the office of Maj. John Beaton, then register of wills and recorder of deeds for Chester county. On April 25, 1786, he was sworn clerk to Thomas Smith, of the State Loan Office, of which his father, Col. Robert Smith, was a trustee. When Col. Persifer Frazer, afterward father-in-law of Jonathan Smith, succeeded Major Beaton as register of wills and recorder of deeds in 1786, Mr. Smith again went into that office, becoming the deputy register and recorder. He was subsequently an accountant in one of the United States offices in Philadelphia, to which city he removed in 1792, and he was appointed first teller in the first United States bank incorporated, in 1791, and which transacted its business in Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, from 1791 to 1797. For a number of years Jonathan Smith held a highly influential position. Possessing a cheerful nature, and blessed with a plentiful sense of humor, he was not only looked up to for his substantial qualities, but admired for his many lovable traits. It was said of him, in matters concerning the feelings of others his delicacy was careful and self-denying. His large-hearted hospitality made his house at all times the resort of friends from all parts of the country. He was a handsome man, as is shown by his remaining portraits.

Jonathan Smith married Mary Ann Frazer, who was born Feb. 4, 1774, and died Feb. 9, 1845. She was a daughter of Persifer Frazer, of Thornbury township, Delaware Co., Pa., from whom she inherited considerable land in western Pennsylvania, where he had located some of his Revolutionary land warrants. Among the children of Jonathan and Mary Ann (Frazer) Smith were Dr. Beaton Smith and Gen. Persifer Frazer Smith, of Mexican war fame, afterward lieutenant governor of some Western State.

Dr. Beaton Smith, a distinguished physician of Philadelphia, married Mary Anna Huddleson, and their daughter, Emma P., married Thomas Sparhawk, and (second) Col. John Gilchrist Parr.

Persifer Frazer, father of Mrs. Mary Ann (Frazer) Smith, was a merchant in early life,

and an ironmaster. Soon after the outbreak of the Revolutionary war he was commissioned captain of the 4th Regiment, Pennsylvania troops, under Col. Anthony Wayne, and continued in the service several years, being in the campaign which led to Burgoyne's surrender, and at the battle of the Brandywine, immediately after which he was taken prisoner by the British. He escaped after six months of captivity in Philadelphia, and was present with his command at the battle of Monmouth, L. I. He rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel, and resigned from the army Oct. 9, 1778, because he could not procure the righting of what he considered the injustice done him by Congress in promoting his junior officers over his head while he was held prisoner. Afterward he was appointed clothier general of the army, but did not accept. In 1781 he was elected brigadier general in the service of the State of Pennsylvania, and he was further honored by election to the State Legislature in 1781, 1782 and 1784. Later other public honors came to him, in his election at different times to such high offices as justice of the court of Common Pleas, county treasurer, and register of wills and recorder of deeds of Chester county. He was of Scotch-Irish extraction, his parents, John and Nancy (Smith) Frazer, having come to this country from Glaslough, County Monaghan, Ireland; the earlier ancestors were from Scotland. John Frazer became a merchant in Philadelphia. Persifer Frazer married Mary Worrall Taylor, who was born April 8, 1745, and died Nov. 30, 1830. Her parents were John and Sarah (Worrall) Taylor, of Thornbury, Delaware Co., Pa., the former an ironmaster and a large landowner.

THOMAS A. KERR, of T. A. Kerr & Co., general merchandise, Parkers Landing, Pa., was born in Slippery Rock township, Butler Co., Pa., Nov. 2, 1854, son of Thomas and Eliza (Forsythe) Kerr. The father was born in Ireland and the mother in Armstrong county, Pa. The former came to the United States in 1833, when thirteen years old, first locating in Lawrence county, Pa., where he learned the stone-cutting trade. After attaining his majority he settled at Slippery Rock, where he married, purchased a farm of seventy-five acres, and conducted it in conjunction with working at his trade until his death, which occurred in 1870. He served nine months as a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in 1862 as a member of Company K, 137th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, being honorably discharged in 1863. His wife belonged to a pioneer family of Armstrong county. Seven children were born to their union: Rebecca, wife of William H. Curran; Milton B.; Jane Catherine, wife of T. H. McCamey; Thomas A.; Jessie, wife of Nelson H. Thompson, and James.

Thomas A. Kerr was reared on the homestead in Slippery Rock township, and secured his education in the public schools. At the age of sixteen years he went to New York City and secured employment with an ice company, with which he remained for one year. He then worked as a teamster one year more, when he went on the road as traveling salesman for a hardware firm of Clarion, Pa. For five years he continued to work in that capacity, and then embarked in a general mercantile business for himself at Eau Claire, Butler Co., Pa., continuing it for eight years. In 1888 he located at Parkers Landing, where he also engaged in general merchandising as a member of the firm of J. F. Cochran & Co. This association continued until 1892, when Mr. Kerr purchased Mr. Cochran's interest, and the firm became T. A. Kerr & Co. Later this became Kerr & McCamey, but on Jan. 25, 1910, Mr. Kerr bought out his partner's interest, and took W. B. Spear into partnership with him, the style becoming T. A. Kerr & Co. This firm has been one of the leading mercantile establishments of the city.

Mr. Kerr was married to Annie Miller, daughter of William Miller, of Slippery Rock, and by her he had one son, Charles W., now pastor of a Presbyterian church at Tulsa, Okla., where he has been located since 1898. Mr. Kerr married (second) Sarah J. Patton, daughter of William Patton, of Slippery Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr are members of the Presbyterian Church of Parker City, of which he has been a ruling elder since 1901. He belongs to Parker Lodge, No. 782, I. O. O. F. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Kerr is president of the Parker City Water Company, a stockholder and vice president of the State Bank of Parkers Landing. For one term he served as a member of the city council, and in politics is a Democrat.

REV. JOHN WILLIAM SCHWARTZ, A. M., D. D., pastor emeritus of the Lutheran Church at Worthington, Pa., and St. Mark's, in Washington township, was born at Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 8, 1834, son of William P. and Isabella P. (Sharretts) Schwartz, both of whom belonged to fam-

ilies of good old Pennsylvania Dutch stock.

William P. Schwartz, father of Dr. Schwartz, in early life entered the United States navy and served in the Mexican war, and subsequently served in the United States army during the entire period of the Civil war. He died at Norfolk, Va., after forty years in the service, in 1867.

As a boy John William Schwartz was employed in a drug store at Gettysburg, Pa., and his work secured him the personal interest of his employer, through whom he was enabled to attend Pennsylvania College while still earning his salary. He was graduated from this institution in 1856, and three years later, in September, 1859, was licensed by the Lutheran Synod to preach the gospel, which he has been doing ever since, and bids fair to continue for years to come. For one year he served his Synod in the capacity of exploring missionary and labored in the Wyoming valley, living at Berwick, Pa., and later, for five years, was an instructor in an academy at Johnstown, Pa. From there he went to Martinsburg as a teacher in the academy at that place, and in connection with this work he served two congregations in the neighborhood. In June, 1867, he came at the call of the Lutheran Church at Worthington, Armstrong Co., Pa., to be its pastor, and served in this capacity until Oct. 1, 1911, when on account of severe illness, he resigned after a continuous pastorate of over forty-four years. He was at once unanimously elected pastor emeritus by his parish. In December, 1912, having regained his health, he resumed his pastorate in the same charge.

When Dr. Schwartz came to Worthington he found this church with one hundred and fifty members. St. Mark's Church today has over two hundred members. The old church edifice was replaced by the present modern structure, including a fine chapel, which is used for all church meetings and gatherings other than the regular church services. But few ministers have had more successful pastorates than Dr. Schwartz. He has been permitted to watch over the spiritual welfare of many from the time he confirmed them, later married, and confirmed and even married their children and baptized their grandchildren. He has served the synod and the church in many distinguished positions. For three successive years he was president of the synod and for some twenty years was a member of the board of directors of the Gettysburg Theological Seminary, and at one time was president of that board. He has represented his synod at the general synod oftener than any other member of this body, and at the present time is a member of the examining committee of the synod.

In no way does Dr. Schwartz appear to better advantage than in his attitude toward the young men in the synod, who have had great reason to appreciate his general care and kindness of heart, and everyone finds in him a friend with true fatherly interest. His intense zeal for his church, his active life in her service and his continued usefulness, justifies the smiling assertion he made not long ago: "I am seventy-eight years young." In truth he has not grown old with the passing years, although, perhaps, he has had the usual discouragements and disappointments of life, and in addition has borne those of others as every pastor is called upon to do. However, he is yet active, aggressive and just as zealous over every church interest and enterprise as is the youngest brother and there are many who recognize the value of such worthy enthusiasm. His name is a household word in Lutheran homes in this section of Pennsylvania, and there are scores of families who take a personal interest in his welfare and ministers all over the church connection who have found strength in his fellowship and pray for its continuance. The evening of life sheds around him a beautiful light.

Dr. Schwartz was married Dec. 26, 1859, to Catherine C. Gemberling, daughter of Samuel and Eliza Gemberling, of Selinsgrove, Pa., and five children were born to them, two of whom survive: Eliza Belle, who is the wife of Rev. Montraville M. Allbeck, and William W. Mrs. Schwartz died August 6, 1888. The second marriage of Dr. Schwartz took place April 22, 1891, when he was united to Philomena Keller, daughter of Gottleib and Hannah (Hearst) Keller, natives of Germany. Two children were born to the second marriage, Frederick K. and Mary Josephine.

In many ways, at different times, parishioners of Dr. Schwartz have endeavored to show appreciation of his services and friendship of a personal nature, and one testimonial of this kind will forever be remembered by the recipient. In the spring of 1906 Hon. E. D. Graff gave Dr. Schwartz a tour of the Holy Land, Egypt and the Mediterranean ports, and his congregation voted him a vacation of three months with con-

tinued salary, at the same time presenting him a well filled purse for all incidental expenses. It is needless to add that this generosity was appreciated, and the beloved pastor returned from his travels invigorated in mind and body.

MARLIN E. THOMPSON, a well known educator of Cowansville, Armstrong county, was born at that place April 17, 1863, son of Robert A. and Caroline (Prugh) Thompson. His paternal grandfather, a native of Ireland, came to the United States in 1829, settling in Indiana county, Pa., where he followed his business, that of jeweler, until his death, which occurred some time in the forties.

Robert Thompson was born in Ireland in 1828, and was only one year old at the time the family settled in this country. He remained with his parents until he was twenty years old, meantime securing a good common school education. He then began teaching school, and followed that calling for forty years, at the time of his death, in 1903, being one of the oldest and most highly respected educators in Pennsylvania. His wife was of German parentage. These parents had eleven children, six of whom are living, namely: James A., Hugh A., Marlin E., Robert A., Mrs. Louisa Groves and Mrs. B. W. Claypool.

Marlin E. Thompson was the sixth child in his parents' family. He attended the common schools up to his seventeeth year, when he took an academic course in Cowansville, attending there two terms. He then began teaching school, and for thirty-two years has been one of the popular educators of Armstrong county, his work in educational lines being recognized as of permanent value. He has proved his civic worth as an enthusiastic Republican. Fraternally he is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

JOHN HELDERLE (deceased) was a resident of Kittanning borough for many years before his death, and did a prosperous coopering business there. He was a native of Baden, Germany, born Sept. 17, 1819, and on coming to America lived for a time at Pittsburgh, Pa. He was married there, and subsequently removed to Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he followed the cooper's trade, making the kind of oil tanks then in use. He had his shop on part of the property still occupied by his widow and daughter, who live at No. 151 South McKean street, and his business thrived so well that before his death he had built three houses upon that tract. He was in partnership with Barton Hastings in the grocery business, and they carried on an extensive trade until his death, after which his son John S. had an interest therein, being connected with the business for over twenty years altogether. Mr. Helderle died Dec. 10, 1885. By his honorable and industrious life, his business ability and excellent management, Mr. Helderle won the confidence and respect of all who knew him, and he was regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the borough in which he had settled. For many years he held the office of borough auditor. Politically he was a Democrat, and in religion a Catholic, being a member of St. Mary's Church.

In 1855 Mr. Helderle married, in Pittsburgh, Margaretha Fichter, who was born Dec. 10, 1830, at Rheinberg, Germany, daughter of Valentine and Catherine (Slick) Fichter. Her parents never left Germany. Mrs. Helderle came to this country with her sister Mary (now Mrs. Engle, of Butler county) and her brother Michel, now deceased, who spent the rest of his life at Manorville, Armstrong county, Pa.; later a half-brother, Valentine, came to America, and lived in Pittsburgh, working in the oil refineries; he is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Helderle had three children: Mary A., born Feb. 14, 1856, who lives with her mother; Margaret V., born March 17, 1859, who died Aug. 25, 1904; and John S., born Oct. 24, 1860, who married Mary J. Jessop, he dying Feb. 18, 1892, and she Dec. 25, 1910. All the deceased members of this family are buried in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Mrs. Helderle and her daughter have a comfortable home at No. 151 South McKean street.

LIAS. Peter Lias, born in 1783, died Sept. 17, 1853, aged seventy years, and his remains were interred in the Dayton Methodist cemetery. He was one of the pioneers in what is now Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., coming here from Huntingdon county, this State, and settling midway between Dayton and Echo. He bought 228 acres of land, on which he built a log house, and cleared off the timber. This continued to be his home the rest of his life. The name at one time was spelled Elias, but was changed, probably in the lifetime of Peter, to Lias. Peter Lias was married twice, and by his first wife had two sons, John and Jacob. By his second marriage he had three children, Martha, Martin and Jane.

Jacob Lias, son of Peter Lias, was born

May 27, 1811, in Huntingdon county, Pa., and came with his father to Wayne township in 1831. In October, 1832, he married Susannah Schrecongost, who was born June 22, 1814, in Wayne township. Soon after their marriage they settled on the homestead of Peter Lias, and lived there for fifteen years. Then they moved to a farm in the northern part of Cowanshannock township, where Jacob farmed and kept a general store. His wife died May 1, 1887, in her seventy-third year. Their children were: McKindra C., who died in the army; Curtis E., deceased; Sarah Jane, deceased; James W.; Eliza A.; Asbury M.; Elzada C.; Leander E.; Cyrus B.; Mary C., and Laura C. Jacob Lias returned to the old homestead, and married (second) Mrs. Catherine Maria Lias, widow of Wilbur Lias; they had one son, Arthur L. The death of Jacob Lias occurred Dec. 21, 1894, when he was eighty-three years old.

Martin Lias, another son of Peter Lias, followed farming and threshing, and lived upon the old homestead now owned by J. W. McIntire. He married Jennie B. Heasley, and they had four children, Cora, Ida, Dessie and Campbell.

John Lias, eldest son of Peter Lias, was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., Sept. 7, 1806, and came to Armstrong county with his father. He was a blacksmith by trade, and found ready employment in the new home, and also farmed, operating the property now owned by his grandsons, J. F. C. and G. W. Lias. A useful man in his district, he served as justice of the peace, and was well known and most highly respected. After the formation of the Republican party he espoused its principles, and voted its ticket until his death, which occurred in August, 1887. For many years he was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Martha Coleman, was a daughter of Rev. Elijah Coleman. Her birth occurred July 5, 1812, and she died Feb. 1, 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Lias were married March 11, 1851. They are interred in the Dayton Methodist cemetery. Their children were: Wilbur, born Jan. 2, 1852, and Elsie, born Sept. 3, 1854, who died March 6, 1857.

Wilbur Lias, son of John Lias, was born on the old homestead which sheltered so many of the Lias family, in Wayne township, and followed farming all of his active life. For many years he was an important factor in the Methodist Church, and on the school board, and always voted and supported the Republican ticket from the time he attained his majority. His death occurred Sept. 28, 1876, when he was aged twenty-four years, eight months. On Oct. 8, 1872, he married Catherine Maria Thomas, daughter of Jacob and Lucy Thomas, and two children were born of this marriage: John F. C., September 28, 1873; and George W., Jan. 3, 1877.

John F. C. Lias, elder son of Wilbur Lias, attended the township schools, and has always followed farming, now owning fifty-three acres of the old homestead in Wayne township. He put up all the new buildings on his property, and has transformed it into a valuable farm.

In 1895 he married Mary J. Kline, daughter of George Kline, and five children have been born of this union: Martha Blanche, Mary Hazel, Elizabeth Grace, Wilfred F. and Laird Preston. Mr. Lias is a Republican. Religiously he belongs to the Methodist Church and is one of its honored supporters.

George W. Lias, posthumous son of Wilbur Lias, also was educated in the township schools, and attended the Dayton Academy. In addition to farming, he does teaming in the gas fields of his district. His property comprises sixty-two acres of the old homestead; after coming into possession of it he put up a commodious barn. When only fourteen years old Mr. Lias had the misfortune to lose his left arm in a threshing machine. Unmarried, he resides on his property with his twice widowed mother. Like his brother he is a Republican, and a member of the Methodist Church, and the two are numbered among the reliable, responsible and representive men of their locality. They can be counted upon to give hearty support to all measures tending toward the betterment of Wayne township.

JAMES C. GIBSON, farmer and oil producer, residing near Parkers Landing, was born in Perry township, Armstrong Co., Pa., March 22, 1864, son of Houston and Mary Jane (Logan) Gibson, of old pioneer families in this part of the State.

Levi Gibson, the great-grandfather of James C. Gibson, was one of the first permanent settlers in Allegheny township, Butler Co., Pa., where he cleared and cultivated land.

James Gibson, son of Levi Gibson, was born in Parker township, Butler county. He purchased 320 acres of land, which he cleared, improving a part of it. Disposing of the tract of land, he lived the remainder of his life with his daughter Ethel Hutchison, of Parker township, Butler Co., Pa. His children were: George, John, Levi, Houston, Samuel, James, Rebecca, Ellen and Esther, the last named becoming the wife of William Hutchison.

Houston Gibson, son of James Gibson, was born and reared on his father's large estate in Parker township, Butler county. In 1852 he purchased of his father, James Gibson, 130 acres of land situated in Perry township, Armstrong county, this being a part of a large tract of land granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to James Gibson by patent dated Aug. 11, 1848. There Houston Gibson spent the rest of his life, engaged in agricultural pursuits, his death occurring June 22, 1875, in his fifty-fourth year. He was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Gibson, daughter of George Gibson, of Parker township, Butler county, and they had four children: Hannah J., wife of Washington Campbell, of Butler, Pa.; Isaiah, residing in Missouri; Remina Cormick, of Butler; and George, now deceased. Houston Gibson was married the second time to Mary Jane Logan, a daughter of John and Susan (Rogers) Logan, of Clarion county, Pa., and to this union nine children were born. Six of these grew to maturity, namely: Margaret, wife of Charles Haas, of Texas; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Pittman; Lucinda B.; James C.; Robert P.; and Della Cora, wife of Reuben Barges.

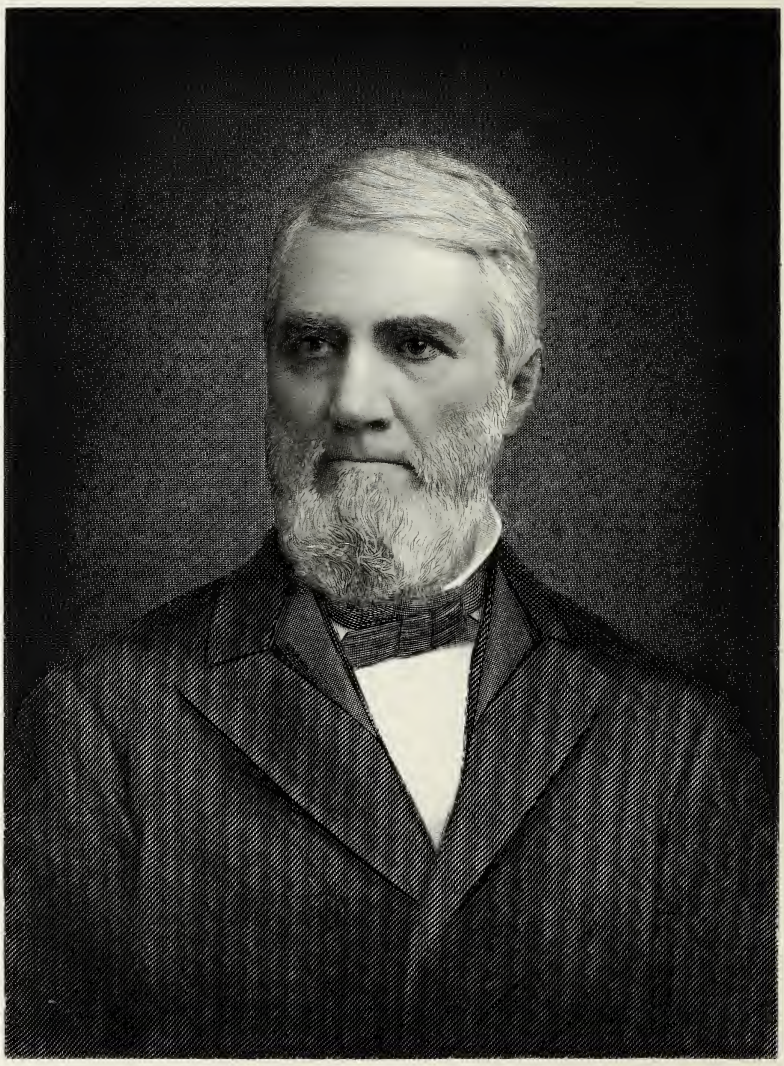
James C. Gibson was reared on the old homestead, of which he owns and occupies seventy-nine acres. After his school attendance was over he engaged in farming, which has claimed much of his attention ever since. In 1908 he became interested also in oil production in a district not far from his home. He is one of the township's most enterprising men and is widely known.

On Sept. 30, 1885, Mr. Gibson married Jennie Emerick, a daughter of John and Sophia (Hilliard) Emerick, of Bruin, Pa., and they have children as follows: Edith Gertrude, Willis E., Arthur Jay, Beulah May, Myrtle Irene, Elva Agnes and Helen Susan. Willis E. Gibson was married May 6, 1913, to Helen P. Dally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dally, of Parkers Landing, Pa. In his political views Mr. Gibson is a Republican, and for three years he served as a school director in Perry township and was secretary of the board.

WILLIAM THAW. It is appropriate that in this history of Armstrong county mention should be made of William Thaw, of Pittsburgh, son-in-law by his second marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Copley; not alone because of this alliance, but also because of singular circumstances connecting him with a bank in Pittsburgh, established before this second wife was born, by Emmet and John Sibbet, half-uncles of Mary Sibbet Copley, and cousins of Josiah Copley.

Mr. Thaw was born Oct. 12, 1818, in Pittsburgh, Pa. The family has been in this country over two centuries. John Thaw, his great-grandfather, was born in 1710, in Philadelphia, and lived there all his long life, dying in 1795. He is buried in Abington Churchyard, near that city. Benjamin Thaw, son of John, was born in Philadelphia in 1753, and died in 1811. His wife was Hannah, daughter of Joseph Engle and granddaughter of Benjamin and Deborah Engle, English Friends who settled in Philadelphia toward the close of the seventeenth century.

John Thaw, second son of Benjamin and Hannah Engle Thaw, was born in Philadelphia March 11, 1779, and died Sept. 3, 1866, in Pittsburgh. Early in life he was apprenticed to Paul Beck, a Philadelphia shipping merchant, and his association with seafaring men so excited his youthful love of adventure that he took the first opportunity which presented of going to sea, sailing as supercargo of a vessel. On its first voyage to the West Indies it was seized (under Napoleon's Milan decree) and taken in Guadeloupe, W. I. Upon his release young Thaw returned home from that port, and on the trip yellow fever broke out among the crew, he being about the only one on board who escaped. Later he engaged as a trader on his own account, sending a ship laden with merchandise to Senegal, Africa. The captain disposed of the cargo after reaching his destination, bought slaves on his own account and on his return sold them in the West Indies and decamped with the proceeds. A curious memorial of this affair was the policy of insurance issued to John Thaw in 1801 for the African voyage, which was preserved in the office of Mr. W. L. Jones, agent of the Insurance Company of North America in Pittsburgh. It was pre-



Very truly yours
W. Shaw.



Mary Copley Thaw

From Portrait by Madame Bonnereau

sented to Mr. Jones over sixty years afterward and valued by him as an interesting evidence of the venerable standing of his company. The loss ruined Mr. Thaw financially, and he took a position in the Bank of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, which shortly afterward sent him and another man out to establish a branch at Pittsburgh, opened Jan. 1, 1804, the first bank in the city.

It is a singular coincidence or remarkable fact that William Thaw, son of John Thaw, the pioneer banker in that city, was connected with what is now the Union National Bank, from the time of its foundation, through the families of his two wives. In 1839 Emmet and John Sibbet, cousins of Josiah Copley (father-in-law of William Thaw by his second marriage), came from Philadelphia and established a banking house in Pittsburgh, under the name of Cook & Sibbet, the two younger men conducting the actual business. On the death, in 1845, of Emmet Sibbet, his brother took as partner Mr. John B. Jones, their brother-in-law. After some twenty years this bank changed hands again, and became the firm of Semple & Jones, Mr. Semple being a brother-in-law of William Thaw's first wife. Last of all it was Semple & Thompson, both related to Mr. Thaw, as nephew and son-in-law, respectively, and so remained until after his death, in 1889, when it was united with the banking house of Nathaniel Holmes' Sons, and so formed the Union National Bank, still occupying the same old business site.

John Sibbet, senior partner, retired in 1849, and builded for his mother and sister, with whom he resided, a Southern Colonial residence, adjacent to the country home of Mr. Copley, both overlooking the beautiful valley of the Allegheny, with its rich farms in full view for five miles up and down the river, between Kittanning and Rosston, and with high wooded hills rising abruptly on the other side. This beautiful region, known as Appleby Manor, was one of the Penn reserves. In recent years two or three manufacturing towns have wrought great changes in that section.

After Mr. John Sibbet retired, the brother-in-law of Mr. Thaw's first wife, John B. Semple, became partner with John B. Jones, uncle by marriage of his second wife. These curious combinations of kinship are less intricate than they seem on the surface; and might be still less so were it not for the additional fact that Mr. Copley had married the step-daughter of his own uncle, John Sibbet, the compatriot of Robert Emmet.

Emmet Sibbet, named for his father's associate in the Irish uprising, displayed qualities of keen discernment when, prior to coming to Pittsburgh, he took an active interest in and largely financed *The New Yorker,* forerunner of the later party organ of the Whig party, *The Log Cabin.* Both these papers were edited by Horace Greeley, some years before that great editor became famous through founding and editing the New York *Tribune.* The quaint name *Log Cabin* was chosen by him because of the silly charge of unfitness for the presidency of William Henry Harrison, because, forsooth, his childhood home was like unto that of the immortal Lincoln!

It was through the efforts of Mr. Thaw that the handling of freight was first conducted under a systematic arrangement convenient alike for the railroads and their patrons. Step by step he solved the problem. It was a great step forward when the point was reached where a car was unloaded and its contents kept together, to be sent forward as a designated carload on the next line. The Pennsylvania was the first road to devise a method for supplying through cars to avoid transfer and furnish equipment to the roads west of Pittsburgh. This was accomplished by 1864, through the formation of the Star Union Line, of which Mr. Thaw was the originator, retaining its supervision until 1873. At that time he was relieved of most of his duties in the transportation department, subsequently giving his attention to the internal and financial affairs of the company. He modestly disclaimed any special credit for working up the transportation system, but it was due to him, though he averred it worked itself out of the demands of the situation and was as much the result of his assistants' ingenuity as of his own. To the end of his life he was active in directing the policy of the Pennsylvania system, three presidents, Thompson, Scott and Roberts, relying upon his advice and assistance in all matters of projected enlargement and other important features.

On April 7, 1870, the Pennsylvania Company was chartered, for the purpose of managing, in the interest of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the roads conducted by the latter west of Pittsburgh, including the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, the Erie & Pittsburgh, the Cleveland & Pittsburgh, and its branches, the Pan Handle (Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis), the Chicago, St. Louis & Pittsburgh, the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley, the Little Miami, the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute, and the Grand Rapids & Indiana. Before the organization

of the Pennsylvania Company, Mr. Thaw had been one of the promoters of the Union and National Lines, the first freight organizations to furnish through service to shippers, and facilitate and render effective the movement by rail of interstate commerce. On June 1, 1870, at the first meeting of the directors of the Pennsylvania Company, Mr. Thaw was elected as the first president of that board.

The American Steamship Company is another great corporation with which Mr. Thaw was associated from the beginning. When the Red Star Line of ocean steamships was formed he was among the chief promoters, being associated with Mr. H. H. Houston, of Philadelphia, for the American end, with Messrs. Von der Becke and Marsilly, of Antwerp, for the European. This was the first international steamship line established between the United States and Europe. Later the American line was added, the new organization being known as the American Steamship Company. Its two great steamers, "City of New York" and "City of Paris," were completed but a short time before his death. He was connected with the International Navigation Company from the time of its organization in May, 1871, was a charter member of its board of directors, and was still serving at the time of his death.

Mr. Thaw's intellectual gifts placed him among the foremost men in the State and nation. Though he had business cares which would have required the engrossing attention of almost any other man, he never lost his interest in the other important things of life, and his principal pleasure in financial success was the privilege it allowed him of contributing to the support of educational and charitable institutions and purposes. A former pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, one who knew him most intimately, said: "No commercial transactions, however vast, could confine him. He went out into literature, into science, into mechanics, and fine arts, into philosophy and history, and enriched his mind with much spoil from these varied fields. Of course they were the asides of his busy life. But he traversed these paths so often, and with so ready and so keen eye, that he could talk with a rare engagedness and interest on any one of them. What a scientist he would have made if he had given himself to science! And those who were admitted to the inner chamber of his friendship, when he conversed upon the deeper topics of his heart, will recall the chaste precision and felicity of his speech, and the originality and vigor of his thought. Without doubt, if he had become a man of letters instead of a man of affairs, he would have risen to distinguished literary eminence. Tie now this intensity and comprehensiveness of purpose to a strong will that made him resolute and of fixed purpose, grip that will with a conscience enlightened by the Word of God, and you have the combination that made Mr. Thaw one of the most remarkable men that I have ever known.

"Perhaps Mr. Thaw is most widely known for his benevolence; but this general reputation is inadequate to the quantity or the quality of his giving. He grew rich, but he was not enslaved by his riches. He held them as from his Lord in trust and therefore for service. When he began his business career he scrupulously set aside one tenth of his then slender income for God's service. Just what figures it mounted up to in after years no one can tell, but there is not the shadow of doubt that his gifts more than kept pace with the income. He gave widely, quietly, multipliedly, and it may well be believed a hundred thousand hearts thank God this day for the direct proofs of his generous liberality, while institutions by the score have been the recipients of his bounty. But the spirit with which he gave transcended by all odds the amount. It was so genial, so tender of sensitive need, so royal natured, so heartily cordial, so set about with pleasantness, that one often felt in going from his presence, after successful appeal to his liberality, that he had been conferring instead of receiving a favor."

From the first part of this quotation it will be gathered that Mr. Thaw was not interested in the arts and sciences merely as a patron. He followed their advances in his reading and studies, to such an extent that scientific men were amazed at the actual knowledge he acquired in their field. He kept abreast of their work with the zeal and enthusiasm of a specialist. To quote again: "His life was a testimony to the fact that it is not necessary that a man who accumulates wealth should forget to cultivate himself. Of keen intellectual perceptions, excellent judgment, of rare facility and also felicity in speech, . . . to hear him talk, when he was free from ordinary cares, and allowed himself to speak of the thoughts that lay deepest in his mind, and nearer to his heart, was a great privilege. His sentences came out with the precision that belonged to a master workman in the use of human speech. His letters are fit to preserve as literary productions. . . . A man of marked individuality, commanding intellect

and rare versatility, a man who would hear the tale of distress any one brought him, and, turning from the act of supplying the needy, would begin to talk about the latest theory of the origin of matter, the last discussion in regard to some profound philosophical or theological question; whose taste never was obliterated by all his contact with this busy world, or by all his success."

To his alma mater, the Western University of Pennsylvania (now the University of Pittsburgh), of which he was a trustee for the twenty-eight years preceding his death, he bequeathed in his will four hundred thousand dollars, and its reorganization in the early eighties was largely along lines suggested by him, or to which he gave his sanction and influence.

Few men have comprehended more fully than Mr. Thaw the great value of scientific investigations, and a large proportion of his gifts for educational purposes was given to enable men of the right kind to pursue their work unhampered by financial limitations. "Pushing forward the frontier of human knowledge," as he himself once expressed it, seemed to him the worthiest of achievements. His crowning gift for the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge would seem to most people to be his contributions to the Allegheny Observatory, one of the finest in the country, and it was through his aid that the expedition of Prof. S. P. Langley, for so many years director of that observatory, to the top of Mount Whitney, in southern California, in 1881, for the purpose of continuing certain observations upon solar radiation was made possible, Mr. Thaw bearing the expense jointly with the United States Signal Service Department. Professor Langley's efforts, backed by Mr. Thaw's means, lifted the observatory from a condition of mere existence into the foremost position it has since occupied.

Along the same line was the support Mr. Thaw gave to the work of Prof. John A. Brashear, a leading man in his line, and which marked an era in the development, in Pittsburgh, of the manufacture of instruments of precision for use in astronomical and physical research, second to none in the world. Dr. Brashear said of him: "Few men in this country have contributed more in their lifetime for the advancement of human knowledge than William Thaw, not only in a monetary way, but by words of encouragement. By the best advice and counsel he made it possible to carry on original research. No one knows this better than the writer, for when struggling against what seemed insuperable difficulties, to bring instruments of precision up to the highest status, this great-hearted man came unsolicited, and, appreciating the circumstances as not one in ten thousand would, lent a willing, helping hand for the benefit of science. . . . I could point out some of the brightest lights in our scientific world who have received help of this grand, good man. The special work of our own Professor Langley (now director of the Smithsonian) he fostered and encouraged in the same spirit with which he gave so much to the Western University and the Allegheny Observatory. The world knows it well, for when we open the splendid publication of Professor Langley, we read, 'The expedition needed for this special research was provided by the liberality of a citizen of Pittsburgh.' No man held Mr. Thaw in higher regard than Professor Langley, and no man felt a deeper interest in the researches of Professor Langley than Mr. Thaw. Had his calling been that of a student of science, his success would no doubt have been equal to that which he achieved in business.

"To attempt to outline such a life or picture the loss to his family, city, country, or the world at large, would be an impossible task, nor are words of eulogy needed. Generations must pass away ere the name of Pittsburgh's cherished and most noble son, William Thaw, can be forgotten. He was entrusted with large means, and grandly did he administer the trust."

Lavish tributes in praise of Mr. Thaw's character and generosity poured in from all sides, when the news of his death spread over the country. Most significant was the fact that they came from so many different sources. Nothing could afford a better indication of the breadth of his interests and sympathies. Indeed it is likely no one besides himself had until then known how far-reaching they were. Friends, business associates, fellow workers in all the lines of art and philanthropy through which his bounty flowed, beneficiaries, expressed their grief at the loss of a good man, one who was a true friend to all mankind. The personal admiration and esteem he aroused in those with whom he came in contact is beautifully set forth in some remarks made by Rev. Dr. Purves, of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, in his address at Mr. Thaw's funeral.

"Through all these years you have learned to love him, and the crowded audience gathered in this church this afternoon testifies

how strong are the bonds of gratitude and affection which hold you to his memory. The stream of his influence has gone forth, not only through this city, but throughout the whole land there are those who are thanking God today for his servant's character and deeds. Dear friends, it is worth while to live, if we can live thus. It is not worth while to live, if we merely win this world's gain. It is not worth while to live if we merely win this world's applause. But to win the love, to merit the affection, and to lift heavenward the lives of our fellow men, that indeed is to make life worth living."

In earliest manhood Mr. Thaw united with the Third Presbyterian Church under the pastorate of Rev. David Riddle, the first pastor of that church. After the first building was destroyed by fire, in 1863, under the supervision and largely through the generosity of Mr. Thaw, there was erected the splendid building on Sixth avenue, since razed, together with the cathedral and other churches, in order to provide for expansion of the downtown business district. The life of that organization is continued in a third edifice, more beautiful than its predecessor, with a church life more vigorous than at any time in its existence. Thus the life of William Thaw is continued in church, business, science and all other interests that touch the life of humanity.

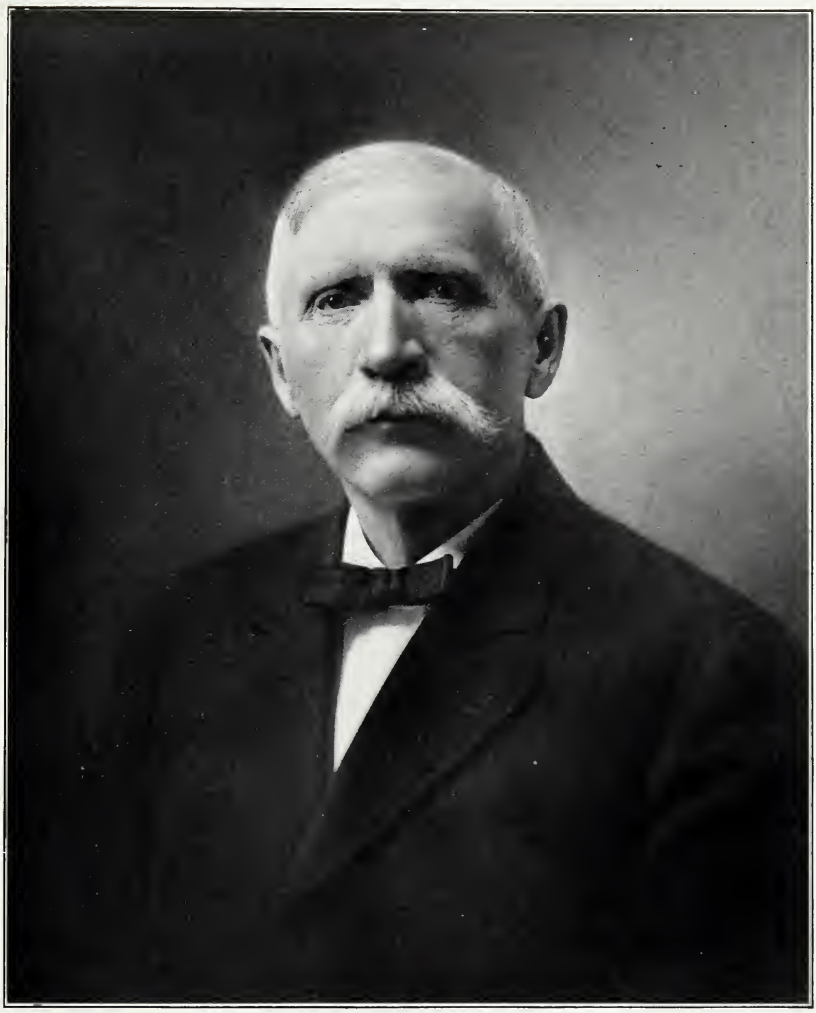
CALVIN RAYBURN, late of Kittanning, at one time president judge of Armstrong county, was one of the best known members of the bar in this section of Pennsylvania, and was also active in the Democratic party from early manhood. He was a lawyer of high standing and enjoyed an extensive legal practice.

Judge Rayburn was of Scottish extraction. His great-grandfather came to this country from Scotland, his native country, some years after the French and Indian war, and settled in the Ligonier valley in Pennsylvania. We have record of two of his sons who grew to maturity, Matthew and James, the former of whom was a soldier in the Continental forces during the Revolution.

James Rayburn, the Judge's grandfather, was the younger of the two sons mentioned. He was born in Ligonier valley, and in 1797 removed to Armstrong county, settling in what is now North Buffalo township. The farm which he purchased, cleared and improved has remained in the family to this day, descending in the direct line for four generations. He lived to advanced age, dying in 1837. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a member of the United Presbyterian Church (whose members were formerly known as Seceders). He married Nellie Callen, daughter of Patrick Callen, who came from Westmoreland county, Pa., to Armstrong county at the same time as James Rayburn. Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn had seven children, six of whom grew to maturity.

James Rayburn, son of James, was born Oct. 26, 1801, and died Nov. 6, 1886. He was a farmer by occupation, and a man of intellect and progressive disposition, well known and esteemed in his community for his excellent judgment and conservative views. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat and thoroughly identified with the workings of the party in his district, which he frequently represented in the county conventions. Though not an office seeker or desirous of public honors, he was a public-spirited citizen and ready to do his duty by his fellow citizens, and he was frequently elected to the office of justice of the peace. He was a United Presbyterian in religious faith, attending the Buffalo Church, which stood on his farm. He was twice married, the first time, in 1827, to Jane Galbraith, by whom he had five children: Hulda, William, Jefferson, Ellen and Mary. After the death of their mother he married Margaret Boyd, daughter of Robert Boyd, an early settler of Sugar Creek township, Armstrong county. By this union there were six children: Margaret B., Jane (who married Samuel R. Steele), Boyd, Robert, Calvin and Cyrus (twins), all now deceased except Robert; he is a contractor and resides at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Calvin Rayburn was born Oct. 25, 1850, on the old Rayburn homestead in North Buffalo township, Armstrong county, and there received his early education in the public schools. He was prepared for college at Slate Lick Academy, which was then under the control of Dr. Harvey Sloan, a noted instructor of the time. He then taught three terms of common school before taking up his college work, entering Princeton University in 1871 and graduating in 1875. After that he taught one term in Brady's Bend township and served one winter as principal of the public schools at Queenstown, Armstrong county. At the close of his service there, in June, 1877, he became a law student with Hon. George A. Jenks, of Brookville, who afterward attained prominence as assistant attorney general during President Cleveland's administration. Mr. Rayburn was admitted to the bar in June, 1879,



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in Jefferson county, and the following November was admitted to practice in Armstrong county, on Dec. 1st of that year opening up an office at Kittanning. He built up a good general practice in the ten years that followed, and in 1889 was honored with the nomination of his party for president judge of Armstrong county. His nomination was unanimous, and he was elected by a majority of 722 votes, although the county was normally Republican by a large majority. With one exception he was the youngest judge in the State, and his services on the bench were characterized by firmness, fairness and legal acumen which justified the faith his supporters showed in his ability and trustworthiness. In 1899 he was again a candidate, but was defeated by Judge Patton, who led by 422 votes. In 1909 he was a candidate for judge of the Superior court of the State. He continued to be occupied with legal work until his death, and had unusual popularity personally among the members of the profession, the bar association in its memorial making special mention of his lovable disposition and generosity in all his relations as attorney and jurist. He was popular, in fact, with all classes, generally beloved for nobility of character. His death occurred May 16, 1912, and he is buried in the Kittanning cemetery.

Like his father, Judge Rayburn was an active worker in the Democratic party. He was chairman of the county committee, 1882 to 1885; was again chosen its chairman in 1901; was a delegate to the National convention held at Chicago in 1884, when Cleveland was first nominated for the presidency; and was a delegate to the National convention at St. Louis in 1904, when Judge Parker was nominated. His careful and correct service in every capacity won him high esteem wherever he was known.

On Oct. 19, 1886, Judge Rayburn was married to Margaret McFadden, daughter of Dr. James McFadden, and member of a distinguished family of Allegheny county, Pa. They had three children, namely: James, Calvin, Jr., and Margaret M. Of these,

James Rayburn is a member of the Armstrong county bar and has already established for himself a good practice, rapidly attaining a high standing among the lawyers of the county. He was married on May 19, 1914, to Isadora Reynolds, daughter of the late Ross Reynolds, a distinguished member of the Armstrong county bar. His preliminary education for the study of the law was obtained in the Kittanning Academy and at Lawrenceville School, in New Jersey.

Calvin Rayburn, Jr., graduated from the Kittanning high school and attended State College for one year. Since that time he has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Margaret M. Rayburn, the youngest child, is attending the Kittanning public school, where she is very proficient in her work.

ALGERNON SYDNEY WIGHTMAN, president of the State Bank of Parkers Landing, Pa., was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 9, 1851, son of Thomas and Isabella (Russell) Wightman, and grandson of James Wightman.

James Wightman was born in Ireland, as was his wife, Catherine Smiley, and they became pioneers of Pittsburgh. The maternal grandfather, John Russell, a pioneer pork packer of Pittsburgh, married Catherine Anderson.

Thomas Wightman learned the glass business and for many years was one of the well known glass manufacturers in Pittsburgh, for a quarter of a century head of the Thomas Wightman Glass Company. He was in active business until one year prior to his death, which occurred Sept. 1, 1908, when he was in his ninety-first year.

Algernon Sydney Wightman was brought up in Pittsburgh and thoroughly educated in the public schools there, as well as at the Western University of Pennsylvania. He began his business career in the glass works of his father, and for twenty-five years was manager of the plant at Parkers Landing, Pa. On Aug. 11, 1911, he and several others organized the State Bank of Parkers Landing, which opened for business Jan. 1, 1912, with Mr. Wightman as president, his name assuring the people of this locality that a sane, conservative policy would be followed in the management of its affairs.

On May 24, 1887, Mr. Wightman was married to Elizabeth R. Robinson, daughter of Elisha and Caroline (Truby) Robinson, of Hovey township, this county. One son, Algernon Sydney, Jr., has been born to this union. Mr. Wightman is one of the leading men of Parkers Landing in various associations, his influence being felt not only in business circles, but in other relations of life. He is a prominent member of Franklin Lodge, No. 221, F. & A. M., of Pittsburgh. Politically he is a Republican.

DR. SIMEON HOVEY, in whose honor Hovey township, Armstrong county, was so named, was one of the pioneer settlers in that region and prominent in the early history of the county. Born in Connecticut Dec. 10, 1763, he was a son of Ebenezer and Dorcas (Corbin) Hovey, who were married Sept. 21, 1755. Her first husband was Theodore Dwight, a farmer of Thompson, Conn., son of Rev. Josiah Dwight, of Woodstock, Conn., and by that union she was the mother of two children: Capt. William, born Sept. 20, 1750, who died Oct. 6, 1824; and Daniel, born in 1752, who died unmarried. By her marriage to Mr. Hovey she had: Sallie, born Aug. 1, 1756 (married to Josiah Burnham, and died July 2, 1803); Dorcas, March 24, 1758; Pattie, March 12, 1760; Olive, Nov. 30, 1760; Simeon, Dec. 10, 1763; Achsah, Feb. 21, 1766; Asa, May 3, 1769 (married Mary Alworth).

Ebenezer Hovey, the father, was born Feb. 21, 1723, son of Nathaniel Hovey, who was born Jan. 29, 1691. Nathaniel Hovey married Abigail Genning (Jennings). He was a son of Nathaniel Hovey (born March 20, 1657, married Sarah Fuller in November, 1676, and resided at Ipswich, 1792) and grandson of Daniel Hovey of Ipswich, who married Abigail Andrews, daughter of Robert Andrews and sister of Thomas Andrews.

Simeon Hovey had the advantages of a thorough New England training, and received a liberal education. He was a man of high ability, served as a surgeon under General Wayne during the latter's Indian campaigns, and afterward settled at Greensburg, Pa. In 1797 he came into the then sparsely settled region west of the Allegheny river, and located on a tract of land within the present limits of Hovey township. "Why a man of his talents should desire to escape from civilization and bury himself in the wilderness, it is not our province to determine. It may have been that he was actuated by a love of adventure." He established himself upon his land and remained about three years. He then returned to Greensburg, where he practiced medicine about five years, at the end of that time returning to his former residence in Armstrong county. His knowledge and skill as a medical adviser became known, and as physicians were then very few in this section he was kept constantly busy ministering to the sick and afflicted in all the surrounding region. His opinions were highly valued, and he ranked among the best and most skilled physicians in the county. Visiting patients in localities far remote from his home, often being called into consultations with physicians in Kittanning, Clarion, Butler and neighboring towns, he was busy night and day, and became highly esteemed for his helpful life, full of good work and of the utmost usefulness to his community. His high character, attainments and ability made him a most valuable citizen. He died about 1837, in his seventy-eighth year, and his nephew, Elisha Robinson, was his heir. Dr. Hovey was married to the eldest daughter of Col. Christopher Truby, but left no children. Elisha Robinson was his nephew, and Mrs. Elisha Robinson was his wife's niece.

But for the memory of the older people of the county, who knew him and estimated his worth properly, his name, now perpetuated in Hovey township, might long since have been forgotten. This township was formed in 1870, from a part of Perry. Its territory was afterward considerably reduced by the formation of Parker City from the southern part.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS NEEDLE, a retired newspaper publisher, vice president of the First National Bank and a prominent citizen of Parker, Pa., was born on the Isle of Jersey, English Channel, Feb. 25, 1842, son of Morgan George and Elizabeth (Wadhams) Needle.

Morgan George Needle for many years was a clerk in the post office at London, England. He was a prudent, careful man and accumulated a property, but during the panic in the early thirties his fortune was swept away. He then removed to the Isle of Jersey and from there, later in life, to France, where he died. He was buried in that country. He married Elizabeth Wadhams, daughter of Captain Wadhams, an English army officer.

George Augustus Needle attended private schools on the Isle of Jersey until he was thirteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to the printer's trade and served six years. In the spring of 1861 he came to America and spent one year working as a typesetter at Orangeville and Toronto, Canada. In 1862 he crossed the Canadian border and located at Jamestown, N. Y., where he remained for ten years, during seven years of this period being employed as a compositor and three years as local editor of the *Jamestown Journal.* He was drafted for service in the Civil war, in 1863, but not yet being naturalized was released. In 1872 he purchased the newspaper plant of the *Tidioute Journal,* a daily and weekly publication at Tidioute,

Warren Co., Pa., which he successfully conducted for two years. In 1874 he removed his plant to Parker City and established the *Parker City Daily,* which he published and edited for five years, when the plant was destroyed by fire Oct. 31, 1879. In December of the same year he established the *Parker Phoenix,* a weekly publication, which he conducted until his retirement from the business in 1896, at that time turning it over to his son, George Alfred Needle, its present proprietor and editor.

Mr. Needle was married Aug. 17, 1871, to Frances L., daughter of Judge Joseph E. and Margaret (Wait) Weeden, of Randolph, N. Y. They have four children: Margaret Elize married Edmund K. Morrow, who died April 6, 1901, leaving two children, Horace N. and Mary Frances; she married (second) in April, 1909, Clayton Brewster Dailey, of Falconer, N. Y. Clara Amelia married Harry D. Barber, an efficient employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., who died in November, 1899, leaving one child, George Douglass; she married (second) in September, 1908, Arthur Burton Troutner, of Parker. George Alfred married Mary S. Steller, Nov. 9, 1912. Rosa Weeden is the wife of John H. Williamson, of Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson have four children: James Alfred and George Edward, twins, Margaret Juliette and Helen Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. Needle are members of the Episcopal Church at Foxburg, Pennsylvania.

Politically Mr. Needle is a Republican, and he has frequently been tendered offices of trust and responsibility. He has served as school director, several terms as a member of the common and select council of the city and one term as Mayor. Since 1906 he has been vice president of the First National Bank of Parker City and is a stockholder and director. He is identified with Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 145, F. & A. M., at Jamestown, N. Y., and also belongs to the Royal Arcanum.

JAMES PARKER LEONARD (deceased) was for over thirty years a prominent oil operator and producer in the Parker oil district, his home being in Parker City, where he passed all his life. He was born Jan. 10, 1857, at Bear Creek Furnace, son of John and Margaret B. (Bordidge) Leonard and grandson of Reuben Leonard.

Reuben Leonard was born in England and came to the United States in the early part of the nineteenth century. Settling in Pittsburgh, Pa., he and his brother built and operated the first ironworks in that city, which were known as the Kensington Rolling Mills. In 1833 he moved with his family to the mouth of Bear Creek, in Perry township, Armstrong county, and purchased the old Bear Creek Furnace, which he and his brother operated for several years, until his retirement. He died at the old Parker homestead Nov. 18, 188—. He married Ann L. Edward, and they reared the following children: Anna, who married James Fowler; Reuben; John; Emma, who married James Parker; and Simeon.

John Leonard, son of Reuben, was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and came thence to Bear Creek Furnace with his parents in 1833. For many years he was superintendent of the old Maple Furnace in Butler county, Pa., and he was a business man of extensive and varied interests, being a large landowner, oil producer, coal operator, largely interested in banking, prominently identified with the promotion of the glass works at Parker operated by the Thomas A. Wightman Company, and one of the projectors of the Butler & Karns City railroad. For years he was one of the leading business men of this part of Pennsylvania. His death, which occurred in October, 1884, was the result of an accident. His wife, Margaret B. (Bordidge), was like himself a native of Pittsburgh. Their children were as follows: George; James P.; Addie, wife of Dr. George Eggert; Samuel; Emma, who married Samuel Truby Robinson; Ella, who married Albert B. Cooper; William, and Margaret.

James P. Leonard was reared at Parkers Landing and received his early education in the public schools there, later attending normal school at Edinboro, and Allegheny College at Meadville, Pa. He was a highly capable business man, as he proved in the management of his father's estate, and he was for many years, up to his death, a large oil producer, operating at Parker and in the vicinity. Outside of such interests he was essentially a home man, never aspiring to public honors or office. On political questions he was affiliated with the Republican party. He died Oct. 17, 1911.

On March 24, 1887, Mr. Leonard married Carrie B. Bellette, daughter of Joseph and Jane (Brewer) Bellette, both of whom were natives of New York. Her father, who was of French descent, settled in Parker City in 1872 and there embarked in the oil business

as operator and producer, being thus engaged until his death, in 1903. Mrs. Leonard was his only child. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, as follows: Joseph B., Charles A., Mary E., James P., Jr. (deceased), Alice E. and John W.

THOMAS H. McCAMEY, of T. H. McCamey & Sons, dry goods, shoes and groceries, at Parkers Landing, Pa., was born at EauClaire, Butler Co., Pa., Feb. 22, 1861, son of John and Elizabeth (Ewing) McCamey, and grandson of John McCamey.

John McCamey came from Ireland to the United States with his family about 1835, settling in Butler county, Pa., where he bought a tract of 500 acres, part of which he cleared and improved, living there until his death, which occurred in 1862. He married Jane Rodgers, who died in 1884. They had the following children: Samuel and George, both of whom are deceased; Susan, who married William Cook; Rebecca, who married John Chambers; Thomas and Robert, deceased; Elizabeth, who married Daniel Chambers; William, who is deceased, and John.

John McCamey, son of John McCamey, and father of Thomas H. McCamey, was born in County Donegal, Ireland, and accompanied his parents to America. He spent all his mature life on the homestead in Butler county, and at the time of his death, in March, 1888, owned 100 acres of the original tract. He married Elizabeth Ewing, who was of Scotch-Irish parentage and was born also in County Donegal, Ireland. She died at Parkers' Landing, Armstrong Co., Pa., when aged seventy-five years. They were parents of the following children: William, who is deceased; Jennie, who is the wife of Wesley P. Miller; Eliza, who is the wife of J. F. Cochran; Sarah, who is the wife of W. A. Harkless; Thomas H.; John; U. P.; Elmer R.; and Mary, who is deceased.

Thomas H. McCamey was reared on the old homestead, educated in the common schools and remained on the home farm until 1885, when he accepted a position as clerk in the general store of J. F. Cochran & Co., at EauClaire, where he remained three years. When the firm removed to Parkers Landing, in 1888, he accompanied them and continued as a clerk until 1892, when, in partnership with Thomas A. Kerr and Oren Patton, he purchased the business. For a short time it was conducted under the style of T. A. Kerr & Co., and later as Kerr & McCamey, which continued until 1910, when Mr. McCamey sold his interest to Mr. Kerr. On Feb. 8, 1910, he reembarked in the mercantile business, with his sons, J. Bruce and Kenneth E., as partners, under the firm name of T. H. McCamey & Sons. This firm is a leading business enterprise of the city.

Mr. McCamey was married May 21, 1885, to Kate Kerr, daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Forsythe) Kerr, of Slippery Rock, Pa., and they have four children: Bernice E., J. Bruce, Kenneth E. and Marion K. The second son is a student in the Baltimore Medical College. Mr. McCamey and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For several years he has served on the school board of Parker. Politically he favors the Prohibition party.

CURTIS WATSON WICK, cashier of the State Bank, Parkers Landing, Pa., was born in Sugar Creek township, Armstrong Co., Pa., April 23, 1861, son of John R. and Hannah (Watson) Wick, and grandson of Elisha Wick. His ancestors are of pioneer stock of Westmoreland and Armstrong counties.

Elisha Wick was born in New Jersey and when a young man located in Westmoreland county, Pa., and in the early part of the nineteenth century came to Armstrong county. He located in what is now Sugar Creek township, where he purchased a large tract of land, receiving a patent for the same from the United States government. He continued to live here, having cleared and improved his land. He married Anna Moore, also a native of New Jersey, and their family consisted of the following children, all being now deceased: James P., Henry, Jeremiah, Chambers, John R., Sarah Ann, Elvira and William A. Of the above three were physicians, Henry, Jeremiah and William A. Sarah Ann married Watson Mays.

John R. Wick, son of Elisha Wick, was born in Armstrong county. For many years he engaged in teaching school and was well and favorably known as an educator in Armstrong and Clarion counties. In 1868 he located at Rimersburg, Pa., where he embarked in general merchandising and banking, having a prosperous business career for many years. His death occurred in 1907, at the age of eighty-two years. He married Hannah Watson, who was born in Clarion county, a daughter of Abraham and Rachel (Black) Watson, and a granddaughter of Thomas Watson, all



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of whom were pioneers near Black Fox furnace, in Clarion county.

To John R. and Hannah Wick ten children were born: Emily, who became the wife of Wilbur G. Warren, of Cleveland, Ohio; Curtis W.; Annie R., who married John Hepburn, of Warren, Pa.; William A.; Jennie S., who married Charles G. Graham, of Butler, Pa.; John R.; Maggie M., who married Rev. W. Scott Bowman, of Uniontown, Pa.; Blanche P., who is deceased; Carrie A., who is deceased; and a son who died in infancy.

Curtis Watson Wick was reared at Rimersburg from the age of seven years and received his educational training in the public schools there and at the Clarion Collegiate Institute. He began his business career in the mercantile line at Rimersburg, and in 1892 was appointed assistant cashier of the State Bank at that place, and served in that capacity until January, 1902, when he was appointed cashier of the First National Bank of Parker City, and this position he filled acceptably until July 1, 1911. In August of that year he helped to organize the State Bank of Parkers Landing, which is capitalized at $25,000, with a surplus fund of $5,000, incorporated under the banking laws of Pennsylvania. The officers of this financial institution are: A. S. Wightman, president; T. A. Kerr and A. E. Butler, vice presidents, and C. W. Wick, cashier. This bank opened for business Jan. 1, 1912, in the handsome new bank building especially erected for that purpose in 1911, at a cost of $12,000, one of the fine business structures of this city. The bank is in flourishing condition, one of the most promising financial institutions in the county.

On Nov. 22, 1894, Mr. Wick was married to Blanche Hosey, daughter of Samuel M. and Anna (Harnish) Hosey, of Madison township, Clarion county, and member of an old and historic family of Pennsylvania. They have six children, namely: Hosey R. and James W., twins, C. Wayne, Lois and Marguerite, twins, and Ellen. Mr. Wick and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican, while fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Masons, having attained the thirty-second degree in the last named fraternity. He holds membership in Blue Lodge No. 277, and Chapter No. 259, R. A. M., of Clarion, Pa.; Commandery No. 44. K. T., of Franklin, Pa.; and the Consistory at Pittsburgh.

MARSHALL. For over a century the Marshall family has been conspicuously identified with the development of the region in and around Dayton and Wayne township, Armstrong county. Its representatives have been creditable and highly useful members of society, active in business, official, educational and church circles, and have always been counted among the most progressive people of their respective communities. For solid worth they have held the esteem and respect of their fellow citizens wherever known.

(I) William Marshall, the emigrant ancestor of this family, was born in 1722 in Ireland. When a young man he went to Scotland, where about 1748 he married Elizabeth Armstrong, and they soon afterward came to America. They settled in the southern part of what was then the Province of Pennsylvania, about sixty miles northwest of Baltimore, Md., near where the Marsh creek crossed the Pennsylvania and Maryland line—in what was known as the Conococheague settlement. It is now included in Adams county, Pa. Their family of six children, John, James, Margaret, William, Archibald and Samuel, were all born at this place. About the year 1783 William and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Marshall removed with part of their family to Westmoreland county, Pa., settling in that portion now included in Indiana county, to which section their sons John and James had emigrated several years previously. They had been driven back by the hostility of the Indians, however, John and his family returning to their first settlement in the East, and James, who was then unmarried, stopping at Sewickley settlement. William Marshall, the father, settled on a tract of land at Blacklegs creek, now included in the township of Conemaugh, Indiana county, where he and his wife died, Mr. Marshall in 1796, Mrs. Marshall in 1806. A copy of his will is on record at Greensburg, Pa., in the Westmoreland county courthouse, in Will Book I, page 134. A record of his family appears elsewhere in this work.

(II) John Marshall, eldest son of William and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Marshall, was born in 1750 near Marsh creek, in what is now Adams county, Pa., and lived in that district until his marriage to Jane Scott, a native of Ireland, on April 16, 1776. They soon afterward removed to what is now Indiana county, Pa., but were not allowed to remain there long on account of the Indians, who were very numerous at that time. Re-

turning to their old home, they lived there until the danger was apparently over, and then again settled at the place they had selected, after an absence of about seven years. It was then included in Westmoreland county. Once more Mr. Marshall and his family had to leave their tract on account of the Indians, and they went to live on the Conemaugh river, in Westmoreland county. Mr. Marshall had most of the hard experiences that fell to the lot of the pioneers in that section, and his patient endeavors to found a home in the face of danger, amid privations that would now seem impossible, show him to have been a typical man of the times. He died Nov. 24, 1824, on the farm in Indiana county where he had settled, and his wife died March 28, 1838. He was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church at Ebenezer, and he and his wife are buried in the churchyard there. Mr. Marshall was a tall man, five feet, ten inches in height. He and his wife were the parents of nine children: (1) Elizabeth, born March 9, 1777, married John McKee and had two children, Jane and Elizabeth, twins, born June 21, 1805. (2) William, born Sept. 22, 1779, died April 8, 1836. He was a tanner by trade. He was survived by his wife, Mary (Kirkpatrick), who was born Oct. 10, 1784, and ten children, John, William K., James, Samuel P., Martha, Robert P., Jane S., Maria P., Benjamin K. and Elizabeth K. (3) Jane S., born Oct. 23, 1781, married Capt. John Robinson, and they had children: Jane S. (died young), John M., Rachael, Jane, William M., Samuel S., Thomas W., Eliza M. and Maria W. (4) Margaret, born Dec. 29, 1783, married Eliphalet Irwin, and had children: Hannah, Jane, Mary, John, James, Samuel, William, Marshall, Benjamin and Joseph. (5) John, born Dec. 25, 1785, first learned the hatter's trade, but he later took up farming. He married Jane Stewart and they had two children, John S. and Sarah. (6) Scott, born May 10, 1788, served in the war of 1812. He married Jane McClure and they had children: William C., John M., Jane S., Samuel, Eliza, Maria and Thomas H. (7) James, born July 20, 1790, married Martha Kirkpatrick, who died Feb. 17, 1832, the mother of four children, John, William K., Martha H. and Margaret K. By his second marriage, to Mrs. Martha (McConnell) Stewart, he had nine children, David M., Jane S., James, Samuel P., Prudence, Thomas E., Elizabeth, Mary and Amanda. (8) Samuel, born Oct. 28, 1792, is mentioned below. (9) Mary, born Nov. 29, 1794, married William Cochran, a native of Armstrong county, Pa., and had a large family: Nancy, Jane, Eliza M., John, Mary, William M., James L., Samuel, Robert, David Sloan, Levi and Sarah Ellen.

(III) Samuel Marshall, son of William, was born Oct. 29, 1792, near Clarksburg, in Indiana county. In early life he learned the trade of tanner with his brother William and worked at same in his brother's tannery before his marriage. After his marriage he built a house and conducted a tannery about a quarter of a mile from his brother William's location. Here he lived for many years, following farming as well as his trade, and in time also became interested in the mercantile business. He was known as "Tanner Sam," to distinguish him from others of the name. In 1847 he sold this tract and moved to near Bryan, in what is now Cowanshannock township, purchasing the farm of 170 acres on which he resided during the remainder of his life. His death occurred Jan. 4, 1881. In 1819 Mr. Marshall married Nancy Guthrie, daughter of James Guthrie, of Armstrong county, and she died May 11, 1873. They are buried at the Glade Run Church. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall had a large family: (1) Jane S. never married. (2) James G., born Nov. 28, 1821, was a boatman on the Pennsylvania canal for some years, later engaged in farming, and died Sept. 6, 1881. He married Nancy Blair. (3) John M., born May 3, 1824, learned tanning in his youth, later taught school for several terms in Armstrong county, and after his marriage to Matilda Catherine Findley removed to Bryan, Cowanshannock township, where he built a tannery and harness shop. He had two children, Rev. Albert B. and Edith (born in 1852, died in 1861). Rev. Albert B. Marshall, D. D., born July 10, 1849, received his preparatory education at the Glade Run Academy and later attended Washington and Jefferson College, for a few terms. He then entered the university at Princeton, N. J., where he was graduated, and subsequently took a course in the Princeton Theological Seminary, graduating in 1874. He taught at Glade Run Academy one session, and then entered the active ministry. He has had several charges, and is now president of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Omaha, Nebr. On Sept. 1, 1875, he married Jennie B. Hervey. (4) Margaret

D., born Jan. 4, 1828, married Robert Latimer. (5) Andrew S. is mentioned below. (6) Mary, born Feb. 16, 1833, married W. W. Caldwell, who served during the Civil war as second lieutenant of Company K, 155th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. (7) Anna Eliza, born Oct. 20, 1835, married John C. Russel, who served three years during the Civil war in Company K, 155th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. (8) William is mentioned below. (9) Joseph died young.

(IV) ANDREW S. MARSHALL, son of Samuel, was at the time of his recent death a well-known retired farmer, making his home in the borough of Dayton. He was born July 30, 1830, in Indiana county, Pa., and there received his education in the public schools. When seventeen years old he removed with his parents to Armstrong county, and until he was twenty-one followed farming. He then learned the carpenter's trade, at which he was engaged for about eight years, at the end of that time purchasing a farm in Cowanshannock township, this county, upon which he settled down to agricultural pursuits. During the thirty-five years that he cultivated that property he made vast improvements in its condition, erecting new buildings, and adding to its value in many ways. In 1900 he moved to Dayton, where he passed the remainder of his days in retirement, having sold his farm. While a resident of Cowanshannock township Mr. Marshall took a good citizen's interest in its government, served as school director and assessor, and was in every respect a useful member of the community. In political matters he was identified with the Republican party. He took an active part in the work of the Presbyterian Church, in which he held membership.

On Dec. 22, 1860, Mr. Marshall married Lavina Gourley, daughter of George and Rosanna (McNeal) Gourley. Mrs. Marshall died Feb. 1, 1895, at the age of sixty-eight years, and is buried at Rural Valley. Mr. Marshall's daughters, Martha A. and Ida F., are both at home.

(IV) WILLIAM MARSHALL, son of Samuel, was born April 2, 1838, on the old Marshall homestead near Clarksburg, in Indiana county, and received his education in the common schools and at Glade Run Academy. He was the youngest of his father's large family, and he and his sister Jane, who was the eldest, remained at home with their parents. In time he became the owner of his father's place in Cowanshannock township, near Bryan, a tract of about two hundred acres divided into three parts. Here he lived and worked until 1901, in which year he removed to the borough of Dayton and bought the home which he continued to occupy until his death. He sold his farm. Mr. Marshall was one of the most esteemed citizens of his section. He served several years as supervisor of his township, and was an active member of the Glade Run Presbyterian Church, of which he was elected elder, but he declined the honor with characteristic modesty, declaring himself unworthy of it. His neighbors and friends, however, did not agree with him. The Glade Run church is about five miles from the Marshall homestead, and Mr. Marshall walked the distance to attend services many a Sabbath day. He never married.

Mr. Marshall was a Republican in politics, and during the Civil war he was a stanch supporter of the Union, being mustered into the State volunteer service Sept. 16, 1862, as a member of Company G, 22d Regiment, called into service by the governor for the defense of the State.

JOHN ST. CLAIR (deceased) lived in Armstrong county from the time of the Civil war until his death, and he was a farmer in Kittanning township for about forty years, occupying during most of that time the place where his widow still makes her home. He was born April 11, 1835, in Indiana county, Pa., son of William St. Clair, of that county.

William St. Clair, the father, married Jane Lewis, and they came to Armstrong county in 1836. They both died in this county, he in August, 1865. He was a school teacher and later a farmer. Of his family of children the following still survive: William, Milton, Samuel, Margaret, Minerva, Phoebe and Martha.

John St. Clair obtained his education in the common schools of Armstrong county. He lived at home until his marriage, after which he settled in Plum Creek township, this county. In October, 1861, he enlisted, becoming a member of Company G, 63d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was sent to Pittsburgh and on to Fortress Monroe, being assigned to the 3d Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. In March, 1864, he was transferred to the 2d Brigade,

3d Division, 2d Corps. He took part in many engagements, being at the battles of Occoquan Creek, Va. (March 5, 1862), siege of Yorktown (April 5 to May 3, 1862), Williamsburg, Va. (May 5, 1862), Fair Oaks (May 31, 1862), White Oak Swamp (June 30, 1862), Malvern Hill (July, 1862), Groveton, Va. (Aug. 29, 1862), Bull Run (Aug. 30, 1862), Chantilly (Sept. 1, 1862), Fredericksburg (Dec. 13, 1862) and Chancellorsville (March 1, 1863). He was disabled by a gunshot wound in the body at Chancellorsville and was taken prisoner, being held for fourteen days. He was discharged from hospital at Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 22, 1863, but he suffered from his injuries to the end of his life and carried the bullet in his body to his grave. He returned home in very poor physical condition. For some time afterward he lived at Whitesburg, Armstrong county, and for one year acted as assessor. He then bought a farm in Kittanning township, later trading it for the farm upon which he passed the remainder of his life, and where his widow still resides. It contains eighty acres, and it was improved very materially by him, his intelligent methods and management showing in all the details of the farm work. Mr. St. Clair took his share of public duties, serving many years as supervisor of his township, and also acting one term as justice of the peace. In politics he was a stanch Republican. Well known and highly respected in his district, he was regarded as one of the representative citizens of his section. He belonged to the G. A. R., holding membership in the post at Kittanning, and was buried with military honors. His death occurred July 30, 1909.

In October, 1860, Mr. St. Clair married Elizabeth Schall, who was born Jan. 29, 1836, in Armstrong county, Pa., and they became the parents of five children. Alonzo Newton has always been a farmer, and now conducts the old homestead; Ida is the wife of Bracken Fiscus, of Leechburg, Pa., and has one child, Bracken; Allie is deceased; Thomas, who is engaged as mail carrier between Shay and Kittanning, lives in Plum Creek township and is married to Lola Moorhead, by whom he has five children, Freda, Ruth, Lawrence, Hazel and Rosamond; Wyoming is the wife of W. L. J. Prugh, of Vandergrift, Pa., and has two sons, John and Judson.

Israel Schall, father of Mrs. John St. Clair, was born in 1803, son of Michael Schall, of eastern Pennsylvania, who served in the Revolutionary war; coming to Armstrong county, Pa., he settled in Kittanning township, where he and his wife died. Their children were: John, Israel, Daniel, Michael, Simon, Susan, Sarah and Leah. Israel Schall was a Democrat in politics, and in religious connection he was a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Sarah Heilman, who survived him many years, dying in 1892, at the age of eighty-four. His death occurred in 1870. They had a family of twelve children, namely: Catherine, who is deceased; Lucy, deceased; John, deceased; Elizabeth, Mrs. St. Clair; Simon, deceased; Jacob, a farmer in Kittanning township, this county; Michael, a teacher, in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Adeline, living in Pittsburgh; Samuel, of Plum Creek township, this county; James, of Jeannette, Pa.; Nancy, who is deceased; and Jackson, deceased.

JAMES T. ELGIN, a prominent farmer of Cowanshannock township, comes of pioneer stock of Armstrong county, being a son of Samuel and Isabella (Truby) Elgin. His paternal grandfather, James Elgin, born in County Derry, Ireland, in 1760, came to America in 1782. He was married in 1791. He became one of the first settlers in what is now Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, clearing and improving a homestead near what is now the site of Elderton. In 1830 he removed to what is now Cowanshannock (then Wayne) township, purchasing 300 acres of land still owned and occupied by his descendants, his grandson, James T. Elgin, residing there. He died at that place in December, 1837, and is buried in St. Thomas' cemetery, in Plum Creek township. His children were: Hugh, Daniel, Alexander, John, James, William, Samuel, Martha, Jennie, Margaret, Nancy and Sarah (married William McIntosh).

Samuel Elgin, son of James Elgin, Sr., was born in Plum Creek township, this county, Dec. 1, 1811. Coming with his parents to what is now Cowanshannock township in 1830, he succeeded to the homestead at his father's death. Most of this place he cleared and improved, remaining there until his death, which occurred July 25, 1876. He led an honorable and useful life, and held various offices in Cowanshannock township, discharging the duties of same with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. On Oct. 1, 1836,

he married Isabella Truby, who was born March 10, 1820, daughter of Michael Truby, a pioneer blacksmith of Kittanning, where he was one of the first settlers. They became the parents of fourteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity, viz.: Jeremiah, Rebecca (married Robert McFarland), Ellen (married George Reisinger), Samuel, Isabella E. (married Andrew Gallagher), Jane (married Ross Milliron), Margaret R., James T., George L., William S., Robert B., Amanda (died young), Alexander and John A. (died young). Of these, Jeremiah, Alexander and Samuel were soldiers in the Civil war, Alexander enlisting in 1862, and dying May 21, 1863, at Washington, D. C., while serving as chaplain of Company B, 139th P. V. I.; Jeremiah and Samuel enlisted in Battery M, 204th P. V, I., and served to the close of the war.

James T. Elgin was born on the homestead in Cowanshannock township May 27, 1852. There he was reared to manhood and he has always resided on that place, following farming, in which he has been highly successful. He has served his fellow citizens faithfully for several terms in the office of supervisor, and is an honored and respected citizen of his township. In political association he is a Democrat.

JAMES R. WRIGHT (deceased) was a resident of Armstrong county for over half a century, and for many years he was one of the active men in public life, holding various offices in his home township and for seven years serving as county auditor. He was born May 17, 1836, in Franklin county, Pa., where his father, Isaac Wright, settled many years ago.

William Wright, grandfather of James R. Wright, lived in the County of Kent, England, until he came to America in 1841. He settled in Franklin county, Pa., making his home there for the rest of his life. By occupation he was a farmer. He married and they had a family of five children: Jonathan, who was a wagonmaker by trade, came to the United States, settling in Franklin county, Pa., where he died; Joseph K., M. D. (known as "Dr. J. K."), also learned wagonmaking, but later studied medicine and obtained his degree, engaging in practice the remainder of his life (he came to America about 1820, located at Kittanning, Armstrong county, Pa., and died there; he became a well-known and leading citizen of his locality; he also owned a farm); Isaac is mentioned below; Benjamin, who was like his brothers a wagonmaker by trade, lived in Oxford, Ohio; Mary married Thomas Johnson, of Franklin county, Pennsylvania.

Isaac Wright, father of James R. Wright, was born in 1805 in the County of Kent, England, and there received his education in the common schools. He was a man of unusual intelligence, a deep thinker, and read more than the average. Like his brothers he learned the trade of wagonmaker, but after coming to America, in 1826, he was principally engaged in farming, having a farm in Franklin county, Pa., eight miles from Loudon, which he improved greatly during the many years he resided there. He died at that place in 1879. Mr. Wright was a Democrat in politics. His first wife, Mary Ann (Mackey), of Franklin county, daughter of William Mackey, of that county, died in 1874, at the age of thirty-five years. She was a member of the U. B. Church. For his second wife Mr. Wright married Jane Harris, of Franklin county. There were five children by the first union: Sarah, born in 1830, is the widow of William Bergstrener, of Fulton county, Pa.; William, born in 1832, lives in Kittanning, Pa.; Jonathan, born in 1834, lived in Washington, D. C., and died in May, 1910 (he was in Company B, 19th Kentucky Regiment, during the Civil war, and was wounded at Shiloh); James R. is mentioned below; Joseph, born in 1840, was reared by his uncle, Dr. Joseph K. Wright, entered the service during the Civil war, as a member of the 23d Ohio Regiment, and was killed at the battle of South Mountain, where he is buried. By his second marriage Isaac Wright had children: Henry, Benjamin, Isaac, and several that died young.

James R. Wright is practically a self-taught man, as he went to school for only nine months during his boyhood, and he had few advantages at the beginning of his life, but by hard work and application he has made up for many things he lacked then, and his success is all the more notable. Leaving his native county in 1857 he went west to Knox county, Ill., where he worked out for a while, and he was there during the exciting days preceding the breaking out of the Civil war, listening to Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln make their famous joint speeches, in 1857, at Springfield, Galesburg and Quincy, Ill. He remained a year in Knox county, Ill., in 1858 returning to Pennsylvania, joining his uncle, Dr. J. K. Wright, at Kittanning. The latter owned the land in Kittanning township upon which Mr. Wright lived until his death, and he settled there at once, though it was

then all wild and heavily timbered. It is ten miles southeast of the borough of Kittanning, on Cherry run, and he continued to make his home on the place ever after, engaging successfully in general farming. He made numerous improvements on the property, which is now valuable. In 1887, through his influence, the postoffice of Pyrra was established there, and Mr. Wright served as postmaster two years. The office has been filled by some member of the family ever since. Mr. Wright held various township offices, among them that of overseer of the poor, and was honored with election to the position of county auditor, which he held continuously for a period of seven years, giving the highest satisfaction. He became very well acquainted all over the county in his different official connections, and was well informed on local conditions and matters of general interest. He was a most respected citizen, a member of the Lutheran Church, and well liked in every relation of life. In politics he was always a stanch Republican. His death occurred Dec. 16, 1913.

In October, 1862, Mr. Wright enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company B, 168th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was sent to Yorktown, and was with the Army of the Potomac, taking part in several raids and skirmishes during the nine months of his service. He was discharged July 26, 1863.

On March 22, 1860, Mr. Wright married Elizabeth Baker, of Westmoreland county, Pa., daughter of David and Susanna (Bowman) Baker, farming people of that county, who were of German stock. Peter Baker, her grandfather, was of German extraction, and his wife, Priscilla (Coiley), was of Irish stock. They came to Armstrong county, Pa., and settled in Kittanning township in 1845, and all died there. David and Susanna Baker had children as follows: Priscilla is deceased; Mary J. is deceased; Frances is the widow of George W. Heffelfinger, a farmer, of Kittanning township, who died in 1910 (he served in the Civil war as a member of Company H, 51st Pennsylvania Regiment); John is living in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Elizabeth is the widow of James R. Wright; Nancy is the widow of Simon Beck and lives with her children; Amanda is deceased; Peter is deceased; Samuel is a resident of Apollo, Pa.; Sarah married Benjamin Baker, of Manorville, Pa.; Susan married August Bouch, of Ford City, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright had the following children: Sarah Jane married Edward Boarts, a farmer of Kittanning township; Charles, who married Susan Schall, is a carpenter and blacksmith of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Joseph, a carpenter and farmer, living near Houston, Texas, married Lavinia Reefer; Benjamin F., who married Mary Ferguson, became postmaster at Pyrra at the age of twenty-one and held that office for many years, remaining with his father until he went to Colorado, where he died in 1906; William W., twin of Benjamin F., married Mary Foster, and is a merchant and postmaster at Pyrra, Pa.; Henry, who married Mollie Schall, is engaged in sawmilling, carpenter work, blacksmithing and farming in Kittanning township; Barkley O., who is employed in the glass works at Ford City, married Emma Kunkle; James, who married Harriet Heald, is with his father, following farming and mill work; Ella is in Los Angeles, Cal.; Clara is the wife of Charles Pitt, of Little Washington, Pa.; Dora married Charles Dickey, and lives at Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania.

ALBERT E. BOWER, M. D., of Ford City, was born in 1872 at Knox, Clarion county, Pa., a son of Godfred and Mary (Lauffer) Bower.

Godfred Bower was born in Germany, and came to the United States when a boy, receiving a common school education in his adopted land. He became successful as a contractor and farmer, and was also interested in the oil business. His death occurred in 1888, his widow surviving until 1896. They were the parents of two children, George and Dr. Albert E.

Dr. Bower attended the public schools, and took the junior course at the normal school at Edinboro, Pa., following which he taught school at Knox, Pa. Later he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, and was graduated therefrom in 1898. He then located at Ford City, where he has built up a good practice. Dr. Bower is a member of the Armstrong County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he belongs to Blue Lodge No. 244, F. & A. M.; Orient Chapter No. 247, R. A. M.; Commandery No. 1, K. T., Pittsburgh, Pa.; the K. of P., Lodge No. 327; and the B. P. O. Elks, Lodge No. 203, of Kittanning. For some years he has been a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and is now one of its trustees. At present he is serving as a member of the board of school directors of Ford City.

In 1892 Dr. Bower married Mabel B. Hubbard, daughter of Harvey and Jennie Hubbard, of Kittanning. Two children were born of this marriage, Edward and Ruth, the latter dying when three years old.

JOHN MARTIN DOSCH, Sr., who has occupied his present home at No. 218 South McKean street, Kittanning, for over fifty years, is a native of Germany, born Nov. 16, 1827. When four years old he was brought by his parents to America. His father dying shortly after the family arrived here, the child was put out among strangers, and thus he never knew the comforts of parental care. He scarcely remembers his father. After being separated from his mother for many years they were reunited in her later life, and she lived with him for a number of years. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Welfer, of Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, aged about seventy-eight.

Until he was fifteen years old Mr. Dosch made his home with John McCullough, of Butler county. Then he went to Allegheny, Pa., where he followed his trade, that of potter, for seven years. At the end of that time he came to Kittanning, Armstrong county, which has since been his home. At the time of his marriage, which took place on his birthday, Nov. 16, 1852, he and his wife went to live in a shanty which he built on South McKean street, about opposite where they now reside. He followed the pottery business there, and later had a shop. Mr. Dosch then began teaming, and built up the transfer business known by his name until his retirement, in 1905. Though he began life under the most adverse circumstances, losing his parents before they could give him any of the advantages of education or other training, Mr. Dosch has made his way and accumulated a competency, and he has had an industrious and upright career which has been a credit to himself and to the community in which he has lived.

On Nov. 16, 1852, Mr. Dosch was united in marriage with Ann Truby, who was born in 1827 in Armstrong county, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Mechling) Truby, pioneers of this section, the latter a sister of Hon. Philip Mechling. Eight children have been born to them, namely: (1) Wilfred M., who is deceased, married Annie Garvey, and they had one daughter, Mamie, now the wife of Emory Jasper, of Madison, Wis., where they reside; they have one son, Emory, Jr. (2) Guy Orton, now in Los Angeles, Cal., married Louise Duffy, and they have four children, Edna, Cary, Bess and Guy, Jr. (3) Cora Lena, deceased, was the wife of Charles Barthold, and had six children, Cora, Althea, William, Charles, Edward and Louise. (4) John M., a drayman, who succeeded his father in the transfer business in 1905, married Ora Mains, and they have three children, Madison, Earle and Ray. (5) George, deceased, was married to Eliza Silvis and six of their children are living, Florence, Calvin, Marion, Freda, Silvia and George. (6) Harry Edward married Mary Cunningham, daughter of John Cunningham, and has three children, Edward, Paul and Theodore. (7) Albert is engaged in the plumbing business in Kittanning, having his shop on Market street, and is a member of the Elks and Fire Company No. 1. He married Hattie Silvis, daughter of William and Helen S. Silvis, and they have one child living, Ruth L. (8) One child died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dosch are members of the Lutheran Church. In 1858 he built the home which they have ever since occupied.

OLYNSCA C. RAIRIGH, of Kittanning, is the only architect residing at that place, and has many substantial pieces of work to his credit in the borough and vicinity. He is a native of Plumville, Indiana Co., Pa., born May 11, 1872, son of William K. Rairigh, who is now a resident of Kittanning. His paternal grandfather was born in 1796 in Conococheague, Maryland, and lived to the age of eighty-three years, dying in 1879. His wife was born at Blue Knob, Bedford Co., Pa., in 1809, and lived to the age of seventy-eight, dying in 1887.

William K. Rairigh was born in the year 1848 in Cowanshannock, near the old Hoosic Mill, near the line of Indiana county, and married Mary M. Hoak, who was born in a humble home near Kittanning, not far from the present typewriter works, in 1853. When she was only a few months old her mother died of typhoid fever, when but twenty-five years old; her father, who was a veteran of the Civil war, died in 1898, at the age of sixty-nine years.

O. C. Rairigh received his early schooling at his native place and at St. Petersburg, Clarion county, later attending the public school at Kittanning (whither his parents had moved), from which he was graduated in 1881. He then learned the trade of carpenter, at which he worked in Pittsburgh and Kittanning, with a prom-

inent contractor, meantime also taking a course in architecture at the Scranton Correspondence School. He has been settled at Kittanning since 1894, and has been busily engaged as a carpenter, contractor and architect throughout the period of his residence here. His first work in architecture was drawing the plans for St. Mary's parochial school building, in Kittanning, besides which he has made the plans for the First Baptist church in Kittanning, the First Baptist church at Ford City, and some fine country residences and good dwellings at Ford City, Templeton, Elderton, Kittanning and the surrounding towns. He has also been employed by the American Planing Mill Company, of Kittanning, doing all their architectural drawing and high class carpenter work for the last seven years. He has done work of special merit in hand carving and the building of furniture for several churches. He is a member of the local carpenter's union. Mr. Rairigh has been interested in the progress of the borough since taking up his residence here, and he was one of the charter members of the Wickboro Cooperative Water Company, of which he is treasurer. Socially he is an Odd Fellow and member of the K. O. T. M., and he has been through the chairs in the local lodge of the former organization, Aerial No. 688. He was formerly a member of the encampment, I. O. O. F. Mr. Rairigh is a prominent member of the First Baptist Church of Kittanning, and is serving as treasurer of both the church and Sunday school. Politically he is a Washington party man.

In 1893 Mr. Rairigh married Lydia M. White, a native of the East End, Pittsburgh, whose parents were also born in that city, her mother in 1848; her father served in the Civil war and died in 1883, at the age of forty-one years, from the effects of a wound received while in the army. Coming to Kittanning, Mr. Rairigh first erected a home on Queen street. Selling that property, he built his present fine home at No. 620 Hawthorne avenue, Wickboro, which was one of the first residences to be put up on that street. Mr. and Mrs. Rairigh have had four children: Robert Lloyd, Carra Margaret, and two who died in infancy, one son and one daughter.

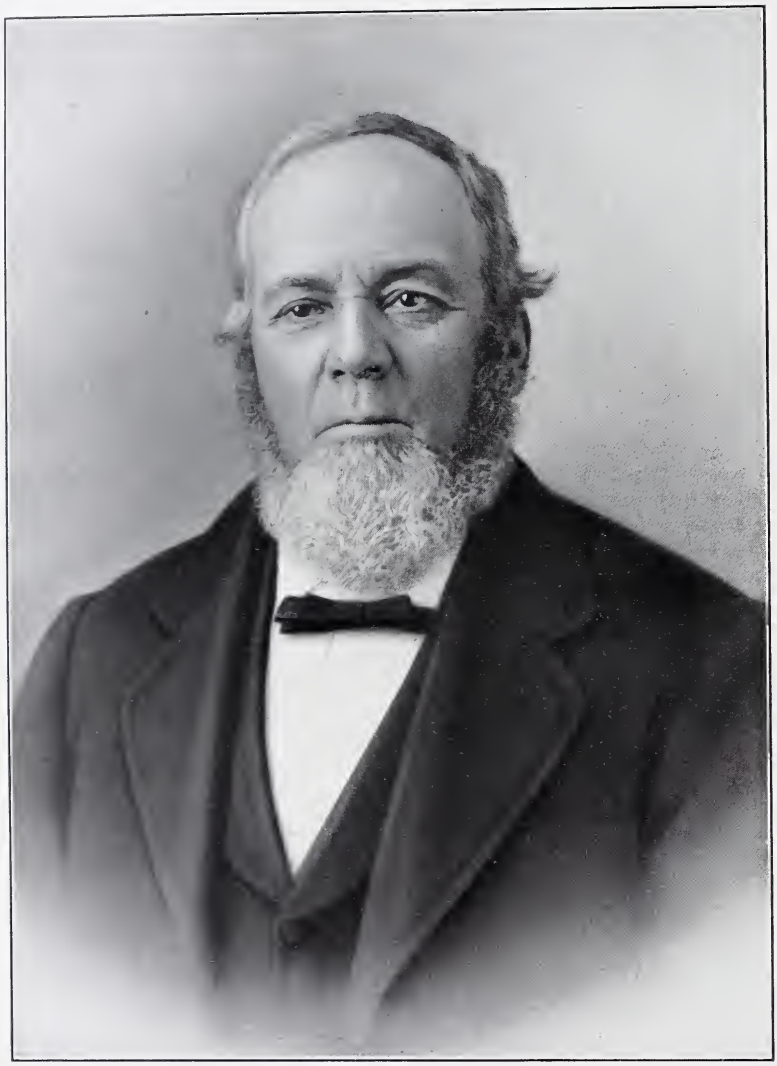
JOHN FUNK NULTON, best known as Judge Nulton, was born Oct. 16, 1809, in Bedford county, Pa., and died May 11, 1878. The family has been settled at Kittanning, Armstrong county, for three quarters of a century. He was a son of Michael and Sarah Ann (Funk) Nulton, both of whom were of German ancestry. Nulton appears to be one form of the name Knowlton or Nolton, the Knowltons being a prominent family in eastern Massachusetts, where they have been settled since early Colonial days. Judge Knowlton, of Boston, was of this family, as also Postmaster Knowlton, of Hyde Park, Mass., near Boston, who spoke to Mr. Daniel L. Nulton, son of Judge John F. Nulton, about the matter some years ago, and showed him the Knowlton family history and genealogy, in which Judge Nulton's name was included.

Michael Nulton, a native of Bedford county, Pa., there married Sarah Ann Funk, and they came to Armstrong county among the pioneers, settling on land which later became the John McPherson farm, three or four miles from Kittanning, near the pike east of the town. Mr. Nulton died when about fifty years old. He and his wife had five children who grew to maturity: John Funk; Mary, who married William Matthews, a saddler, of Pittsburgh, and had a family of seven children, two sons and five daughters; Harriet, who married Jacob Stone (he died when twenty-five years old) and had two sons, James and George, both of whom married and had children; Sarah, who married James Johnson, of Beaver, Pa., a cabinetmaker; and George, who married Phoebe Brown (he built the Nulton house, the ruins of which are still standing, in Valley township, Armstrong county).

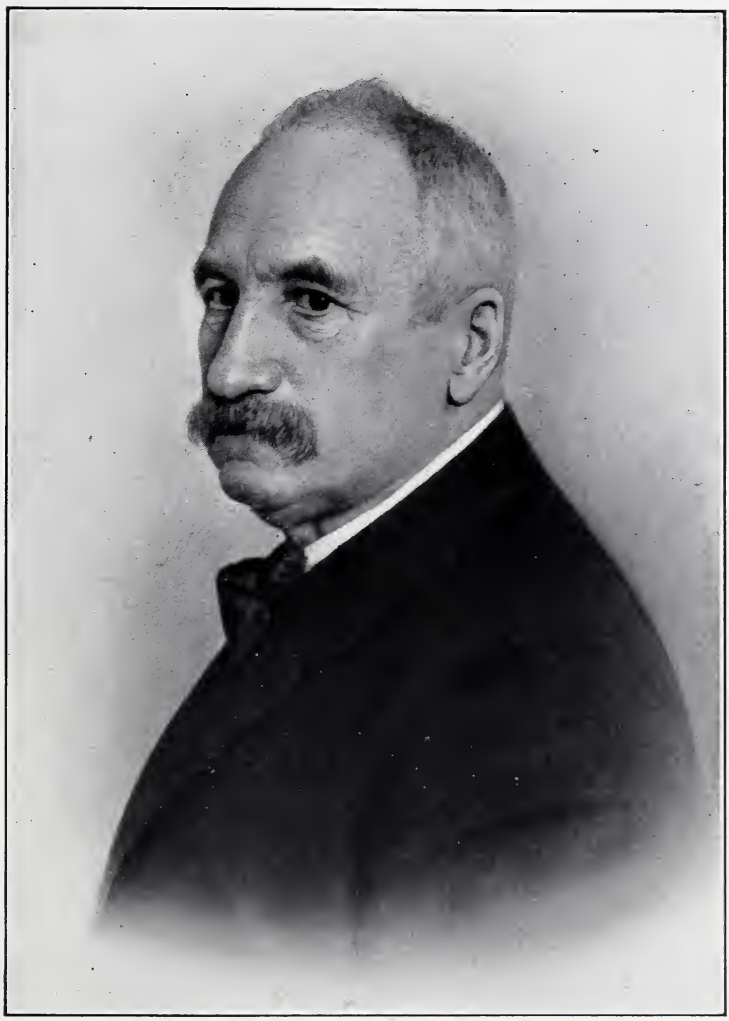
Mrs. Sarah Ann (Funk) Nulton, the mother of this family, and paternal grandmother of Mrs. Wright, of Kittanning, was a most remarkable woman. Born in Virginia Sept. 14, 1774, she lived to the age of 107 years, dying Dec. 31, 1881, and had the distinction of attaining a greater age than any other resident of Armstrong county. Mrs. Nulton was of German descent, and German was the language she read and wrote. She was born in the same county and vicinity where George Washington resided, and related that the General often rode by her father's home when she was a little girl, before the family removed to Philadelphia. Thence they soon afterward moved to Bedford county, Pa., when she was a child. (There was a George Funk on the first grand jury in Bedford county, and among the tavernkeepers recommended at the April term, 1771, was a George Funk. Bedford county was taken from Cumberland county by act of Legislature passed March 9, 1771. The George Funk mentioned might have been



Sarah Ann (Funk) Nulton



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father or grandfather of Mrs. Sarah Ann (Funk) Nulton.) Mrs. Nulton grew to womanhood in Bedford county, and there she was married to Michael Nulton, a native of that county.

Mrs. Nulton was a lifelong Lutheran, a member of St. John's Church, at Kittanning, until her death. A woman of calm and well-balanced mind, she was always even-tempered and pleasant, never disturbed or excited, and justly deserved the reputation she enjoyed as the possessor of a "lovely disposition." Her nobility of character and Christian solicitude for all around her made her universally loved and respected, and she was almost worshipped by her relatives, young and old, all of whom found great pleasure in their visits to "grandma." She was an excellent needlewoman and housekeeper, and receiving second sight when nearly one hundred years old continued to do fine work until almost the end of her days. She left sixty-five beautifully made quilts to be distributed among her descendants—grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Her faculties were excellent to the last, and her death was due to an accident. She slept in a rather high bed and had always been rising without assistance. Two weeks before she died the bedclothing slipped under her hand when she was bracing herself on the rail of the bed, getting up, and she fell on her left hip, breaking the hipbone. Though she retained her calmness and did not complain (never moaning except in her sleep) it was seen that she gradually grew weaker, and she passed away in her sleep, without a struggle. It is said she was never known to say an ill word about anyone, and it is certain that all who knew her considered it a privilege and an experience to look back upon with gratitude.

John Funk Nulton for some years in his early life resided at Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where he learned the trade of candymaker, which, however, he never followed as an occupation. For two years he read medicine in Greensburg. He was the first of the Nulton family to come to Kittanning, visiting the place with Governor Johnston, with whom he was acquainted, and he became one of its prominent citizens, both as a business man and as an official. He was a contractor, and after settling here did considerable of the building accomplished in his day, also engaging in the hotel business, in which he was very successful. For a while he engaged in the bakery business. His first venture as a hotelkeeper was in a stone building on a lot at the corner of Water and Jacob streets, now the site of the residence of Miss Amanda Colwell, and there his only daughter, Charlotte H., now the widow of William J. Wright, of Kittanning, was born. Later he moved to Jefferson street, where he long conducted the "Hotel Nulton," one of the most prosperous of its time. The "Nulton Hotel" is still standing there. From there he moved to Market street, near the courthouse, where he passed the remainder of his life. For many years he was prominent in official circles, being county treasurer twice, the first time by appointment from the county commissioners (according to the old custom) and afterward elected (as provided by act of May 27, 1841) for two years. He was associate judge, being elected for two terms of five years each. Politically he was a stanch Democrat, and fraternally he was a Mason, having originally joined at Greensburg. During the period of the Civil war he was a strong supporter of the Union, and showed many kindnesses to the widows and orphans of the soldiers. A man of fine mind and high character, he not only commanded the respect of those who knew him but had their affectionate regard, being a general favorite. In religious connection he was an Episcopalian, and he gave liberal support to the church.

Mr. Nulton was married Oct. 15, 1833, by Rev. William Hilton, Episcopal clergyman at Kittanning, to Margaret Rebecca Lemmon, who was born Nov. 14, 1814, in East Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Pa., daughter of Col. Daniel and Charlotte (Hannegan) Lemmon, and died March 4, 1904. She was a life-long member of the Episcopal Church. They became the parents of six children: Barclay; McConnell; Charlotte H., Mrs. William J. Wright; James L., who died when five years old; John F., Jr., who died when two years old; and Daniel L., who lives at Freeport, Armstrong county (he married Laura Galbraith, daughter of Rev. William Galbraith).

Barclay Nulton, late of Kittanning, where he had been engaged in the practice of law from the time of the Civil war until his recent death, was one of the most prominent citizens of that borough for many years. He was born on Jefferson street, Jan. 8, 1835. Mr. Nulton was practically self-educated. When a mere boy he worked in the brickyard during the day, studying evenings and reciting three times a week to Rev. Mr. Barrett. For some time he was engaged in work on a private road from Kittanning over the hill back of the courthouse to the residence of Alex-

ander Caldwell, receiving twenty-five cents a day. Until he was a young man he remained with his father. He had always determined to continue his education until he was fitted to enter professional life, but he was undecided for some time whether to enter the field of medicine or law. He finally chose the latter, and became a student in the office of Judge Joseph Buffington and Robert W. Smith, of Kittanning. After his admission to the bar, in 1858, he commenced practice in Wirt county, Va. (now W. Va.), where he remained until the breaking out of the Civil war, at that time returning to Kittanning. He raised a company of troops which he tendered to Gov. A. Curtin, the "war governor" of Pennsylvania, but as there was no money available to transport them the organization was abandoned, and the same fate befell his efforts to raise a company of cavalry also tendered to Governor Curtin. He then turned all his attention to his law practice, to which he devoted the greater part of his time and energies from that time until his sudden death, May 11, 1912. He kept the old Lemmon estate in Valley township, and his management of the farm work and the shipping of fine horses from Kentucky gave him welcome diversion from the arduous work of his profession. Mr. Nulton never was particularly active in public affairs and never cared for office. He was a Democrat in his political preferences.

On Jan. 2, 1864, Mr. Nulton married Sophia Reilly, the ceremony being performed at St. John's Episcopal Church, Camden, N. J., by her brother, Rev. Theophilus Maxwell Reilly. Mrs. Nulton was born in Ireland Dec. 11, 1839, and came to the United States with her father, her aunt and her four brothers, Theophilus Maxwell, William Maxwell, Rev. Edward Maxwell and Marshall M., two of whom were Episcopal clergymen. The Reillys had three Episcopalian schools, the Burlington Military College at Burlington, N. J., St. John's Military College at Haddonfield, N. J., and St. Agnes Young Ladies' Academy, also at Haddonfield. The eldest brother, Rev. Theophilus M. Reilly, never married. He was the business manager for these institutions, and became quite wealthy. Rev. Edward Maxwell Reilly, now of Haddonfield, N. J., was the other clergyman of the family.

Mrs. Nulton died May 15, 1873, leaving two children: (1) Edward Maxwell, born in Kittanning, Dec. 1, 1865, attended common school there, and also was a student at St. John's Military College, of Haddonfield, N. J. He was engaged as manager of the Sunnyside stock farm, three miles east of Kittanning, for twelve years, until he went to Toledo, Ohio, as assistant superintendent of the Woolson Spice Company. He held that position until July, 1910, when his father requested him to come home to look after his affairs, his health having failed him. After the father's death Edward M. Nulton was appointed administrator of the estate. He had been twice married, and by the first union had four children, namely: Barclay, who is learning the machinist's trade at Toledo, Ohio; Maud, wife of William Waughman, who is engaged in the milk business and farming in Rayburn township, Armstrong Co., Pa.; Margaret, who died in infancy; and Frank, at home with his father. On May 18, 1910, Mr. Nulton married (second) at Toledo, Ohio, Miss Louise B. Paskert, Rev. J. C. Tolmore, of St. Anthony's Presbyterian Church, Windsor, Canada, performing the ceremony. Mrs. Nulton was born at Toledo, May 25, 1884, daughter of George and Katherine (Terbille) Paskert. Mr. and Mrs. Nulton are members of the Episcopal Church at Kittanning. (2) William M., born in Kittanning, June 16, 1869, now lives in Pittsburgh and is engaged in the plumbing business there.

On Oct. 3, 1876, Barclay Nulton married for his second wife Adelaide Reed, of Rayburn township, Armstrong county, who was born May 31, 1857, in Philadelphia, Pa., daughter of George Reed, a master machinist, and was raised in the family of George and Rebecca Radcliff, in Doylestown, Bucks Co., Pa. There were no children by this marriage. Mrs. Nulton died April 27, 1893. She was an artist of more than ordinary gifts, and there are many beautiful specimens of her work in the Nulton home.

"To appreciate Barclay Nulton at his true worth one had to know him intimately. It was my privilege so to know him. He was a student of human nature and no man at the bar was a better judge of men than he. In important cases he watched the court proceedings closely, whether engaged in the case or not, and then examined the law carefully for himself. He was a student of the books. Night after night his light was burning at two o'clock. He never complained of being busy, yet was always at work. Few lawyers were better posted in the fundamental principles of the law or looked up the law applying to the case more carefully than did he. He belonged to the old school. He was incapable of dis-

honesty and despised trickery and unfair dealing. He was a dangerous opponent in a case. He was an original character and had a style of his own.

"He believed in the brotherhood of men and carried his belief into action. His hand was ever open to the poor and needy and he was the helper of the poor in a practical way. He despised jingling theories and professions that died at the threshold of active practicability.

"In literature he was an omnivorous student. He read the best writings on all the questions of the day—even attempted to understand electricity, but frankly admitted his failure and was anxious to find some one who did understand it. He studied the masters in both prose and poetry, but would not stand for anything that was not clean.

"He was a lover of the beautiful in nature, art and literature. He was of an artistic and poetic temperament. Under a seemingly rough exterior were the chords of a character which only intimate friends and associates were permitted to see. He was strongly social and a firm friend.

"In religion he accepted the Bible unqualified by either dogma or exegesis. To him it was the word of God and he wanted no distorting or twisting of its declarations or teachings."—W. L. Peart.

THOMAS LEMMON, great-grandfather of Barclay Nulton, was a native of eastern Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish descent. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and the following story has been handed down in the family. One day while on his way to join the Continental forces, tired and thirsty, he asked a handsome young lady for a drink of water. Observing how worn-out he was she brought him a glass of milk, and he was so touched by her sympathy and thoughtfulness that he told her he would come back some day and marry her. He kept his word, after the war was over. In 1797 he settled on a tract of land in East Franklin township, Armstrong county, 211 acres, but soon afterward removed to Lexington, Kentucky.

Col. Daniel Lemmon, his son, moved in early life to Franklin township, Armstrong county, where he farmed and kept hotel for many years, owning a large farm near Tarrtown, and died in 1857, in his seventy-fifth year. He served as colonel in the Black Hawk war. He was twice married, and by his first marriage, to Charlotte Hannegan, had four children: Thomas McConnell, William R., Margaret Rebecca and John H. By his second wife, Elizabeth Croyle, he had a family of seven: Alexandria, Rebecca J., David, Lobain, Daniel, James and Joseph. On April 12, 1838, the tract in East Franklin mentioned above was vested in him by patent, and before his death he conveyed the principal part of it to his son Thomas. Purpart "D," 72 acres and 48 perches, was not taken by any of his heirs in the proceedings in partition, but they joined in releasing their respective interests to Joseph Lemmon, Jan. 30, 1865, for $400 (that is $50 to each), who afterward conveyed it to his brother Thomas, to whom it was assessed for a number of years. Daniel Lemmon agreed to sell 89 acres to Nathaniel Richey, July 11, 1834, who transferred his interests to William Richey, to whom Lemmon conveyed the same, May 27, 1846, for $150. Joseph Audibert by Lobeau, his attorney in fact, conveyed twenty-eight and a half acres of tract No. 304, called "Audibert" after its patentee, Peter Benignus Audibert, to Daniel Lemmon, Jan. 21, 1828, for $156, and Marie Touissant Audibert by Lobeau, attorney in fact, conveyed 127 acres, 155 perches of "Audibert" to Daniel Lemmon Aug. 24, 1848, for $446, probably in pursuance of an agreement made prior to her death. Daniel Lemmon probably settled on the smaller of these parcels ten or twelve years before it was conveyed to him. In 1817 he was assessed with two tracts, each of 200 acres, in what was then Buffalo township, one of them (and two horses and three cattle) at $248, and the other at $200. He kept a hotel in the eastern part of "Audibert," the sign of which with two crosskeys was painted by James McCulloch at his shop in Kittanning April 7, 1828, and he was first assessed with his ferry at this point in 1827. He retained these two parcels, the westernmost one containing the small parcel which had been part of No. 303, until his death, after which, in proceedings in partition, they, without regard to their original quantities, were divided into two purparts. The western one, marked A, containing 114 acres, 111 perches, was valued by inquest Sept. 20, 1825, at $16.08 an acre, and the other one, marked B, forty acres, ninety-four perches, at $13.41 an acre, as surveyed to Daniel Lemmon's heirs by J. E. Meredith Oct. 19, 1820. His surveys on these days included those of several other tracts on both sides of the Allegheny river. The court decreed purpart "A" to J. H. Lemmon, and purpart "B" to Mrs. Margaret (Lemmon) Nulton. Daniel Lemmon was appointed a viewer with Michael Mechling, Matthias Bowser, Allan Elliott, John and Robert Patrick, viewers, in 1810, to locate a road. We find

the following in a history of Armstrong county published in 1883:

"In July or August, 1812, a lively sensation was caused by a report brought here by a Mr. Snyder, who was then employed to distribute the pamphlet laws throughout this and the northwestern part of the State (which he then conveyed to the various counties in a wagon), that a large force of British troops and Indians were moving toward this place, whereupon a public meeting was called. Thomas Hamilton was appointed its chairman, who addressed the excited assemblage from a stump in Market, a short distance below Jefferson street. Grave fears were entertained that this town was in danger of being taken by the enemy. That meeting resolved, after an interchange of opinions, to employ Daniel Lemmon to proceed to Meadville and elsewhere in that direction for the purpose of ascertaining the whereabouts and proximity of the supposed invaders. He soon started on his mission, from which he returned in a few days with the welcome intelligence that a false alarm had been raised by the rumor which Snyder had heard in his travels, and which probably sprang from the general alarm that Governor Snyder alluded to in his message of Dec. 3, 1812, to the Legislature, as having prevailed in the town and vicinity of Erie, caused by the appearance of a British and Indian force on the opposite side of the lake, in consequence of which he had ordered, July 15, a portion of the Sixteenth division of the Pennsylvania militia to be organized under General Kelso for the protection of the frontier, which, he said, he was happy to add, 'prevented the British or their savage allies from polluting our soil with hostile feet.'"

WILLIAM JOHNSON WRIGHT, late of Kittanning, Armstrong county, was an old and honored resident of that borough, where he had been engaged in the general mercantile business for some years. He was born Jan. 12, 1832, in Metal township, Franklin Co., Pa., on his father's farm near the old Carrick Furnace.

Isaac Wright, his father, was born in 1807, in the County of Kent, England, and came to America with his father, William Wright, in 1828, first locating near Fort Loudon, in Franklin county, Pa. Three of his brothers had preceded him to this country, viz.: Jonathan, who came first, was a wagonmaker, and settled in Fort Loudon, Franklin county; he was twice married and left several children. Dr. Joseph K., another brother, came after Jonathan, studied medicine at Shippensburg, Pa., and for a time traveled over the country, selling notions, but eventually, about 1836, settled at Kittanning, where he practiced medicine and had a drug store, being the second druggist at that place; later he also had a general store; he had two children. Benjamin F., the third brother, settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, and left a family; he was a carriagemaker by occupation. Mary, sister of Isaac Wright, married Thomas Johnson, a farmer in Metal township, Franklin Co., Pa., and had a large family. Benjamin Wright, uncle of Isaac Wright, also preceded him to this country, and settled in Bath county, Va., living to be 105 years old. He had many descendants in that place.

After living near Fort Loudon for a while Isaac Wright purchased a farm at Carrick Furnace. Soon afterward he married Mary Ann Mackey, daughter of William Mackey, a native of the North of Ireland. Mr. Mackey subsequently moved west to Ohio, settling in or near Bucyrus, where he died at the age of seventy-five years. He was married twice. Mrs. Wright died in 1845, when only about thirty-five years old, a member of the United Brethren Church. She was the mother of five children: Sarah, who married Wilson Burgstresser, a gristmiller; William Johnson; Jonathan, who died unmarried (he was a member of the 19th United States Infantry, regular army, during the Civil war, was wounded at the battle of Shiloh, and died of his injuries in a hospital at Washington, D. C.); James R., a farmer of Kittanning township, Armstrong county, who married Elizabeth Baker; and Joseph M., who never married (he had served during the Civil war as a member of Company C, 23d Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Skiles and Colonel Rosecrans, the late President McKinley also serving in that command). Isaac Wright, father of this family, died in 1882, in Metal township, Franklin county.

William Johnson Wright received his education at Kittanning, where he attended common school and tended store for his uncle, Dr. Joseph K. Wright, who then had a general mercantile business. He well remembers the famous snowstorm of September, 1843, when there were six inches of snow on the ground. Remaining with his uncle until he was nineteen, he started for California in 1851, going by water to the Isthmus of Panama, over the present canal route to Panama city, and thence again by water to San Francisco, where he bought goods for a man who had several stores in the mining regions. At that

time D. O. Mills had a small bank on J street, and Mr. Wright sold him gold dust for coin; he also did business on K street with C. P. Huntington, who then had a little hardware store. In 1855 he returned home and opened a general store at the corner of Jefferson and Mulberry streets which he conducted until 1859, that year moving to the country, going to live on the farm of his father-in-law two miles east of Kittanning, where he remained for fourteen months. Coming back to Kittanning, he again clerked in the store of his uncle, Dr. Joseph K. Wright, until Sept. 12, 1862, the date of his enlistment in Company I, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Col. William Sirwell. He saw active service in all the battles and skirmishes of his command, including Stone River, Tullahoma, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. He was discharged in June, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn., and returned home June 26th, with the record of a brave man. Until the following October he clerked in the McIlwain store, after which he was ill until May, 1866, and when able to take up work again he entered the planing mill of Heiner Brothers. Later he became an employee in the planing mill of Cook, Henry & Steel, who had extensive interests in that line, and afterward worked in the office of Cook & Henry. His next change was to Samuel Brown's insurance office, where he was at first bookkeeper and later head man. In 1880 he engaged in the iron ore business at Kittanning, continuing there until 1885, when he moved to Riverview, this county, and took charge of the Riverview Coal Mining Company's store. Afterward he went into the office, taking charge, and remaining there until 1898. That year he opened a store at Kittanning, moving into a building (his late residence), which he had erected in 1877. He carried on this store until his death, which occurred Jan. 13, 1913.

Mr. Wright belonged to the I. O. O. F. and the G. A. R., being particularly well known in the latter organization; he held membership in Post No. 156, in which he filled all the offices, and was buried with military honors by his comrades, among whom he was universally beloved. For six years he served as one of the school directors of Kittanning borough, taking particular interest in the question of public education. A man whose mind was broadened by travel and observation, an excellent judge, and one whose own life commanded the respect of his fellow men, his opinions were sought and valued by those who knew him, and he occupied an enviable position among the citizens of his community.

On Jan. 8, 1857, Mr. Wright was married to Charlotte Hannegan Nulton, daughter of John Funk and Margaret R. (Lemmon) Nulton, and granddaughter of Col. Daniel and Charlotte (Hannegan) Lemmon. Mr. Wright was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, to which his widow also belongs. They had four children: (1) John F. died when five years old. (2) Joseph died when two years, nine months old. (3) William J., a tinner, slater and furnace builder, now lives in Kansas City, Kans. He employs fourteen men. He married Lena Thorpe and they have one son, George T., now (1913) twenty-five years old. (4) George S., a tinner and plumber of Kittanning, Pa., died Aug. 2, 1910. He married Ina Z. Steltzer, daughter of Jonathan and Ellen (Kester) Steltzer, both of Clarion county, Pa., and they had three children, Walter W., Margaret C. and Sarah Frances.

MAJ. GEN. JOHN ARMSTRONG, the hero of Kittanning, was one of Washington's bravest and most successful generals. He was born in 1725 in the North of Ireland, and some time between 1745 and 1748 became a settler in the Kittanning valley, west of the Susquehanna river, in a region which was then the frontier of Pennsylvania. He was well educated and found plenty to do at his profession of surveying in the new country. In 1750 he and a Mr. Lyon laid out Carlisle, and four years later he was sent by Governor Morris as a commissioner to Connecticut in regard to a land trouble between the Indians and Connecticut settlers in the Wyoming valley, in Pennsylvania. In 1755 Mr. Armstrong surveyed and opened a road from Carlisle to the "Three Forks" of the Youghiogheny river, over which supplies were to be carried to Braddock's army. After Braddock's defeat he enlisted in a frontier company, and in January, 1756, was elected captain; on May 11th of the same year he was commissioned lieutenant colonel. In the summer of 1756 he commanded the expedition against the Indian village of Kittanning which has made his name famous in American history for all time to come. In 1757 he served on the frontier, was commissioned colonel May 27, 1758, and commanded the advanced division of the Pennsylvania troops in Forbes's expedition against Fort Duquesne. He was a tower of strength on the frontier during Pontiac's war, and on Sept. 30, 1763, led a very successful expedition against the Indian towns on the west branch

of the Susquehanna. He was the first brigadier general commissioned (March 1, 1776) by the Continental Congress. He served at Fort Moultrie, in Charleston harbor, and on April 5, 1777, was commissioned major general of the Supreme Council of the State. He commanded the Pennsylvania militia at the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. He was sent to Congress in 1778 and again in 1787. His public career closed with his last term in Congress, and he spent the remainder of his life at Carlisle.

General Armstrong was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was largely instrumental in establishing the first church which was organized at Carlisle, in 1757. On March 9, 1795, he ended his active and useful career, and he was buried in the old cemetery at Carlisle.

Maj. Gen. John Armstrong, Jr., was born Nov. 25, 1758, at Carlisle, Pa., and died April 1, 1843, at Red Hook, N. Y. He served in the Revolutionary war, was the author, among other important works, of the celebrated "Newburg Addresses," and was secretary of war in 1814, from which position he was obliged to resign because he did not prevent the capture of the city of Washington, in August, 1814. His brother, Col. Henry B. Armstrong, fought gallantly in the war of 1812.

REV. T. J. FREDERICK, a minister active in the work of the Lutheran Church for many years, residing on his valuable farm of 100 acres, situated in Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, Pa., is ranked with the largest fruit growers in his part of the State. He was born May 2, 1847, in Center county, Pa., a son of Jacob and Rachel (Stover) Frederick.

Mr. Frederick's people, on both sides, came originally from Germany. His father, Jacob Frederick, was born in Union county, Pa., but spent the larger part of his life in Center county, where he worked as a carpenter during all his active life and died in 1882. He was a Republican from principle, and at the outbreak of the Civil war, in advocating and supporting his party, incurred the enmity of some of his neighbors, the county at that time being largely Democratic. Although he had few educational advantages to speak of, he was deeply impressed with the necessity of public instruction, and it was mainly through his efforts that the Aaronsburg Academy was established. Its building was put up by a stock company, Mr. Frederick holding a part of the stock. This institution sent into the world a number of men who became noted for substantial worth, one of its pupils, John Stover, representing the State of Missouri, where he settled, in the United States Congress. A Lutheran in religion, Mr. Frederick was a zealous church and Sunday school worker, often representing his church in synod and conference. At the time of his death he was holding the offices of trustee and elder. He afterwards moved on his own farm in Union county, where he died Jan. 14, 1880.

Encouraged by his father, T. J. Frederick took advantage of all the educational opportunities that were presented him, and for nine years afterward taught school, common and select, being thus engaged until his twenty-eighth year. Then for five years he was a student at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa., two years in the classical department and three in the theological. His first charge was at Plum Creek, in Northumberland county, where he remained four years. He then took charge of the two churches in Nippenose valley, Lycoming county, Pa., where he was located nearly four years. From there he removed to the Shoop's charge, near Harrisburg, Pa. After four years he came to Armstrong county, in 1890, where he took charge of three churches, the one at Springchurch (where he now resides), one at Maysville, and another at South Bend. All these churches have attained a prosperous condition through his efforts.

With so many duties it would seem that Mr. Frederick had his time well occupied; however he has gained a reputation as a remarkably successful fruit grower and authority on horticulture, which has long been his study. To him it is doubtless largely a matter of recreation, though it has required considerable research of books and other current literature on the subject to make the business profitable. Mr. Frederick has a peach orchard of 1,400 trees, a plum orchard of seventy-eight trees, and an apple orchard of 333 trees, besides an abundance of small fruits. He has shown conclusively on his own farm what intelligent culture will do in Armstrong county in the way of growing choice fruit.

On Jan. 13, 1870, Rev. Mr. Frederick was married, at Center Hall, Center county, Pa., to Anna I. Bittner, daughter of John Bittner, who came originally from Lebanon county, Pa., and was a member of a leading family of that part of Pennsylvania. Two sons and one daughter have been born to this marriage:

Sarah E., who is the wife of J. D. Miller; Theodore C., and Charles E.

Mr. Frederick is a very able man, a ready talker, and a clear thinker. As a sympathizer with socialistic ideals he contributes to socialist magazines, urging the making of laws which will benefit those who labor and promote the universal brotherhood of man.

He gives the following reasons for his affiliation with the Socialist party:

1. The ethics of Socialism are in harmony with the ethics of the Bible.

2. It is the party of, for and by the Creators of wealth in which all who perform useful work, mental or manual, can unite in a common interest.

3. The Socialist party offers to the world the first constructive program which appeals to the united action of the working class.

4. It is opposed to militarism, capitalism, child labor and the selfish exploitation of mankind by man.

5. Probably no other political party has called forth such an excellent and extensive amount of critical literature.

6. It is in line with the normal development of the human race as seen from the viewpoint of the materialistic conception of history, the historic class struggle and the inevitable and far-reaching industrial changes, consequent upon the diffusion of knowledge and growth of invention.

CHARLES J. NIEMAN, cashier of the First National Bank of Leechburg, Pa., is also a member and secretary of the board of directors of that bank. Previously to his connection with this institution he held other positions of financial responsibility. Mr. Nieman was born in Allegheny City, this State, March 18, 1870, the youngest son of John C. and Nancy (Zorn) Nieman.

John Christian Nieman, the father, was born in the Province of Hanover, Germany, May 23, 1829, was confirmed there in the Lutheran Church by Rev. Mr. Stueber, and came to America in 1847. He attended St. John's Lutheran Church for the time he came here, though he did not become a member of it until after his marriage. He had been called on at different times to fill various offices in the church. In January, 1896, he was elected president of the church and remained in that position until his death.

The family name was spelled "Niemann" by his ancestors. His father, Friedrich Niemann, a lifelong Lutheran, died in Germany in 1872, at the age of seventy years; the mother passed away many years before, in 1845, on Dec. 26th, called in Germany the second day of Christmas.

In 1852 Mr. Nieman married Nancy Zorn, daughter of Jacob and Susannah (Mechling) Zorn. She was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and when a girl came to Allegheny with the family of Rev. Mr. Friedrich, with whom she was staying. To this marriage were born seven children, three of whom are deceased, Mary dying at the age of nineteen, Rebecca when four years old and William H. at the age of fifty-two; he was formerly an officer in St. John's Church. The others are: Sarah, wife of Charles Elste, of Bellevue; Lizzie, wife of G. W. McPherson, of Bellevue, Pa.; Miss Anna, of Bellevue, Pa.; and Charles J.

Jacob Zorn, father of Mrs. Nancy Nieman, was a native of Lancaster county, this State, and served his country during the war of 1812, being one of the brave men who fought under Jackson at the battle of New Orleans. Jacob Zorn's father also served his country during the Revolutionary war. Jacob Zorn was a Lutheran in religious faith, as was also his wife; she died when her daughter Nancy was but two years old.

Charles J. Nieman attended the old Second ward public school on North avenue in Allegheny. The determination of the boy to secure an education was shown even at this early age, for when a pupil in the public schools during the day session he attended German school at night. Later he took a course in the Iron City Commercial College, an institution which was famous in its day. At the age of sixteen he became the messenger in the railroad offices at the Union Station, under the late Thomas D. Messler, who at that time was third vice president of the Pennsylvania Company lines west of Pittsburgh. When still quite young Mr. Nieman was advanced to the position of clerk in the auditor's office for the same company, and after serving fourteen years in railroad work resigned to accept the position of assistant paymaster for the American Sheet Tin Plate Company, Vandergrift (Pa.) Works. Later he was promoted to the position of paymaster at the Vandergrift mills, resigning to become cashier of the First National Bank at Leechburg, Pennsylvania.

The progress of the bank and its growing importance to the business community afford the best evidences of Mr. Nieman's success. The deposits of the First National Bank when he was elected cashier amounted to $250,000, and in five years they have increased to the

total of over $600,000, with total resources of $8,000,000. This bank is on the "honor roll," that is, one possessing surplus and profits in excess of capital. Of the 7,500 national banks in the United States, only 1,300 occupy this position.

In this community where he has spent so much of his yet early life, little need be said of Mr. Nieman as a business man. The growth of the institution for which his most earnest efforts have been made is proof of his efficiency in his present responsibility. His unfailing courtesy, his genial manner under all circumstances, make him particularly fitted to meet the exigencies of modern business life. His acute business sense seems tempered by a manner which enables him to refuse a proposition with as much grace as another would have in conferring a favor.

Mr. Nieman is essentially a domestic man, devoted to his interesting family. He married Edith Dawson, daughter of the late Thomas and Eliza (Eggleson) Dawson, of Bellevue, Pa.; her father was one of the pioneer oil men of the old Smith Ferry field. Mr. and Mrs. Nieman have two daughters, Grace and Jean. The handsome family residence standing on Grant avenue, Leechburg, was at one time the home of Capt. Alfred Hicks, later the home of L. W. Hicks, and then purchased by Mr. Nieman.

Mr. Nieman and family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church and he has been secretary of its board of trustees since 1907. He is prominent in Masonry, a life long member and past officer of the Bellevue Lodge, No. 530, F. & A. M.; a member of the Duquesne Royal Arch Chapter; Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, K. T., and Coudersport Consistory, thirty-second degree. He is associated also with the Odd Fellows Lodge at Leechburg.

WILLIAM B. DAUGHERTY, brick manufacturer, and prominently identified with the business interests of Kittanning in other connections, was born in that city July 13, 1861, son of George B. and Agnes E. (Hillberry) Daugherty.

Patrick Daugherty had the distinction of being the first permanent settler of Kittanning. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was killed by the Indians at Lake George, New York.

James Daugherty, son of Patrick Daugherty, was born in Kittanning, and had children as follows: George; James P.; Harmer Augustus; Mary, who married George P. Kron and is deceased; Nancy, who died unmarried; and Hannah, who is the only one of the family now living.

George B. Daugherty was a successful brick manufacturer and contractor. He manufactured all the brick and built all the brick work in the present jail, as well as the opera house, now occupied by the Safety Deposit & Guarantee Company, the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Works at Ford City, the Clarion jail, the Indiana courthouse, Kittanning courthouse and many other buildings in Kittanning and surrounding places. For years he was the only brick manufacturer of any consequence in the region. He was the originator of the poor farm, took great interest in bettering the condition of the poor, and for many years was trustee of the county farm. Energetic, progressive, a man of affairs, he was highly respected by the people at large, as well as by his personal friends. Nine children were born to him and his wife: Dora B., deceased; William B.; Alexander R.; George; Lucitta, who married Herbert Mallick, hardware merchant at Pittsburgh; Emma, deceased, who was a teacher in the Kittanning public schools; John; Esther, deceased; and Adella, who married V. Frank Holmes, of Boston.

William B. Daugherty was educated at the public schools of Kittanning, attending until fourteen years old, when he began working in his father's brickyard, subsequently learning the trade of brickmason. Later he engaged in contracting with his father, carrying on an extensive business at Ford City, Falls Creek, Kittanning and other places. The plant of which he is now the principal stockholder and manager is located at Jacob street and Grant avenue, Kittanning, and is a thoroughly modern establishment, equipped with the best line of appliances. A sufficient force of men is kept busy all the while. Like his father, Mr. Daugherty is active in public affairs, has served as a member of the city council, and was school director in 1911.

In February, 1889, Mr. Daugherty was married to Lurania L. Hague, daughter of Frederick Hague, of Kittanning. Two children, Hays R. and George F., have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty. Mr. Daugherty is a member of Blue Lodge No. 244, F. & A. M., and also belongs to the Kittanning lodge of Elks.

THOMAS J. HENRY, M. D., physician and surgeon, was born in Apollo Nov. 3, 1858. His early education was secured in the public and select schools of Apollo and at Elders-

ridge Academy. Before taking up medical work he taught school in Apollo and was principal of the Franklin school at Conemaugh, Pa. Beginning the study of medicine under Dr. W. B. Ansley, he completed his course at the medical department of the University of Wooster, located in Cleveland, Ohio. Later he took a post-graduate course at the Philadelphia Polyclinic. In 1884 he settled in Penn Run, where he practiced three years. In 1887 he located in Apollo, where he yet continues in active practice. Dr. Henry belongs to the Armstrong County Medical Society and the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and is a member of the American Medical Association. He is an official examiner for the United States Marine Corps. Fraternally he is a Mason, being connected with Blue Lodge No. 437. In politics he is a Republican. He has served on the council and school board several years, and is a director of the First National Bank of this city. During his long practice Dr. Henry has been eminently successful and is justly regarded as one of the prosperous physicians in the locality.

Mrs. T. J. Henry, formerly Margaret J. Elder, was born in Parnassus, Westmoreland Co., Pa. She graduated from the State normal school at Indiana, Pa., in 1892, and taught school in Apollo for a number of years before her marriage. At present she is serving on the school board of Apollo, having been elected a director at the last election, November, 1913. She is the first woman to be elected to public office in Armstrong county. Mrs. Henry is a member of the Woman's Club of Kiskiminetas Valley and of Apollo Chapter No. 125, Order of the Eastern Star.

SYLVESTER G. REDINGER, of Templeton, head of the firm of S. G. Redinger & Son, owns and operates a large sawmill there and is also extensively engaged in building, being one of the best known business men in his section of Armstrong county. Mr. Redinger has attained a foremost position among the honored self-made men of this region by hard work and ambitious endeavor, and he has carried his various undertakings to successful completion by intelligent application of the resources at his command and his faculty of making the most of the opportunities at hand. He was born Feb. 2, 1866, in Jefferson county, Pa., son of Henry and Margaret (Hankey) Redinger.

Henry Redinger was born Aug. 25, 1845, in Red Bank township, Armstrong county, and settled there, for many years following farming and lumbering, also burning charcoal. In 1895 he sold his property, including a general merchandise store at New Salem, Pa., and moved his family to Los Angeles, Cal., returning three years later. He now lives retired at New Salem, Armstrong Co., Pa. Mr. Redinger has always been a stanch Republican and in his earlier life took an active part in politics, holding a number of township offices. He was wounded while fighting as a soldier in the Civil war, in which he served for one year, having enlisted Sept. 5, 1864, at Pittsburgh, Pa., in Company B, 6th Pennsylvania Regiment of Heavy Artillery. Mr. Redinger is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He married Margaret Hankey, who was born May 16, 1846, at Butler, Pa., daughter of John and Mary (Buyers) Hankey, and they have had nine children, of whom Sylvester G. is mentioned below; E. C., a builder and contractor, is now a resident of Los Angeles, Cal. (he is heavily interested in the growing of fancy tropical fruits in Porto Rico, being a pioneer developer of fruit land there, and is county superintendent of Porto Rico); Rev. F. M. is pastor of an M. E. Church at Erie, Pa.; W. H. who died in California, was a teacher and in his day was considered the best educated man in Armstrong county; R. D. is engaged as a farmer on the old homestead; Mary is the wife of W. I. Brocius, of Oakland, Pa.; Urney is the wife of C. A. Smith, of Yatesboro, Pa.; Ortanza is a teacher in Los Angeles, California.

Sylvester G. Redinger received his education in the common schools. At the age of seventeen years he started life for himself, beginning lumbering in Red Bank township, Armstrong county, where he operated for five years. Thence he went to Jefferson county, Pa., for a time, and later to West Virginia, returning from there to Armstrong county, where he located in Madison township, for a period of four years. From that township he moved to Pine township, in 1906 settling at Templeton, which has since been the center of his business activities. Meantime he had commenced building, in 1902 erecting four houses at South Bethlehem, Pa. When he came to Templeton he built a sawmill, establishing the industry which is still one of his principal interests, and also put up five houses, which he rents. In 1907 he built his own home and storehouse, as well as the town hall and ten other buildings in Templeton.

In 1911 he constructed five houses at Braeburn, Westmoreland county, and in the spring of 1912 he remodeled his sawmill, doubling the capacity. The motive force is now 200 horsepower. The business has increased steadily from the beginning, and the trade is drawn from every part of the county, the firm of S. G. Redinger & Sons having a reputation for high-class work that has been gained by conscientious attention to the wants of all customers. Mr. Redinger has been remarkably prosperous, having accumulated considerable real estate and personal property, but his prestige and enviable standing are the best part of his success. Starting life on his own account without capital or influential friends, he has forged steadily ahead, relying upon well-directed labor to gain him the confidence of those he has dealt with. He is the kind of man who prides himself upon being able to "deliver the goods," whatever he undertakes, and as a consequence he has made the name of being one of the most reliable business men in the county. His business has now reached such proportions that he employs constantly from ten to fifteen men, often more, and he keeps two fine cars which he has found valuable in enabling him to keep track of his widely scattered interests, a fifty-horsepower seven-passenger car and a thirty-horsepower five-passenger. Business has received the greater part of Mr. Redinger's attention, but he is a public-spirited citizen and has held office at times, having served six years on the school board while a resident of Red Bank township. He is a Republican in political association, a member of the M. E. Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge at Templeton, No. 30.

Mr. Redinger was united in marriage, Jan. 25, 1884, with Emma Holben, of Armstrong county, and they have had five children, four sons and one daughter, namely: C. H., who married Hattie Frazier, of Pine township, Armstrong county; H. H.; M. F.; W. H.; and Margaret, now the wife of William Bole, of Rimesburgh, Pa. All of the sons are in business with their father, the firm name being S. G. Redinger & Sons.

CHARLES F. ARMSTRONG, cashier of the Farmers National Bank of Leechburg, Armstrong county, has been identified with banking interests in that borough since 1900 and has high standing in local financial circles. Mr. Armstrong was born Oct. 21, 1865, at Harmarville, Allegheny Co., Pa., son of James Armstrong and grandson of William Armstrong, and belongs to the same family as the famous Maj. Gen. John Armstrong, of Revolutionary note.

William Armstrong, grandfather of Charles F. Armstrong, was a resident of Harmarville, and died there. He was engaged as a lock tender in the old days of the Pennsylvania canal. His wife, whose maiden name was White, was a sister of William White, who at an early date owned the land where Leechburg, Pa., is now situated. It was then known as "White's Plains." William Armstrong and his wife had the following children: James, Jackson, William, Robert, Joseph, David, and Margaret (who married Hugh Campbell).

James Armstrong, son of William, was born in 1822 on the homestead in Allegheny county, Pa., and became very well known in his section, following the work of contractor and builder. He died in 1876, at the age of fifty-four years. His wife, Ellen (Smith), born in 1826, lived to the advanced age of eighty-five, dying in 1911. They had a family of ten children: William, James (deceased), John, Harry, Samuel, Charles F., Frank, Addison, Fannie (deceased) and Annie (deceased).

Charles F. Armstrong attended public school in his native district, and began work when quite young among the farmers and truckers in the home neighborhood. When sixteen years old he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and on Oct. 1, 1881, became agent at Lincoln, now Cheswick, Allegheny county. Remaining there until 1885, he next became a clerk in the ticket receiver's office at Allegheny, continuing at that point until 1889, when he was given the position of ticket receiver at Columbus, Ohio. In 1890 he returned to Allegheny, becoming joint ticket receiver at that station for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's east and west lines. From Allegheny Mr. Armstrong came to Leechburg in 1892, and in 1900 assisted in the organization of the First National Bank, of which he became the first cashier, serving in that capacity until 1906. In that year he resigned to become assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Long Beach, Cal., where he was located for one year, and returning east became cashier, in 1907, of the East Pittsburgh National Bank, at Wilmerding, Allegheny Co., Pa. He continued his association with that institution until the fall of 1908, when he returned to Leechburg to assist in the organization of the Farmers National Bank, which took place Dec. 12th.

He has since served as its cashier. Mr. Armstrong has not limited his interest in the affairs of Leechburg to things concerning the bank. He is a director of the Board of Trade and has twice been elected president of that body, holding the office at present. In 1904 he was elected a member of the school board of Leechburg, and was again chosen to that office in 1910. He was one of the organizers of the Kiskiminetas Valley Agricultural and Driving Association, which he is now serving as director and treasurer. He is president of the Leechburg Lecture Association, which was organized in 1872, being one of the oldest associations of the kind in the State. Fraternally he is a Mason, in that connection belonging to Pollock Lodge, No. 502, F. & A. M., of Tarentum, Pa.; Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M., of Kittanning; Tancred Commandery, No. 48, K. T., and Pennsylvania Consistory, of Pittsburgh; and Al Malaikah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Los Angeles, California. On political questions Mr. Armstrong is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Methodist Church and takes an active part in its work.

In 1892 Mr. Armstrong married Anna Maude Van Giesen, daughter of Thomas J. and Cynthia E. (Sloan) Van Giesen. They have had three children: Charles L.; Josephine M., who died at the age of six years; and Frank Thoburn.

CROSBY. The Crosby family has been creditably represented in Armstrong county, the late Judge Samuel M. Crosby, of the borough of Leechburg, William Crosby, a farmer of Parks township, and Ebenezer B. Crosby, a resident of Manor township, being brothers, sons of Samuel Crosby. James Crosby, the grandfather, was born in Scotland and come fom that country to America when a young man, settling in western Pennsylvania, where he died. He was a weaver by trade.

Samuel Crosby, son of James, was born Oct. 13, 1801, near Tyrone, Pa., and followed farming in Parks (then Allegheny) township, Armstrong county. He bought four hundred acres of land, most of which he cleared himself. Selling two farms from this tract, he retained ownership of 160 acres and there spent the rest of his life, dying Jan. 1, 1884. He is buried in the Crosby lot in the Leechburg cemetery. His wife, Jane (Gourley), daughter of George Gourley, was born Dec. 8, 1808, and died June 11, 1867; she is buried in the same lot. They had a large family: James died in Allegheny township Oct. 25, 1838, aged ten years, eleven months, twenty-four days; George C. died in that township Feb. 2, 1853, aged twenty-three years, six months, fifteen days; John R. died in Allegheny township June 10, 1856, aged twenty-five years, six months, twenty-one days (all three are buried in the Crosby lot in the Leechburg cemetery); Samuel M. is mentioned below; William is mentioned below; Levi Graves, always known as Graves S., is mentioned below; Ebenezer B. is living in Manor township; Maria married Abraham Warner; Sarah married Findley Hill and (second) Anderson Gourley; Mary Jane died May 10, 1853, aged four years, seven months, three days, and is buried in the family lot; Martha is the widow of Dr. Joseph Smith and is living at Apollo, Pennsylvania.

Samuel M. Crosby, son of Samuel, was born May 6, 1833, on the family homestead in Allegheny (now Parks) township, and there began his education in the public schools. Later he was a pupil at the Leechburg Academy, after which he engaged in teaching school, which profession he followed for nine terms, in Armstrong county. After the war he made a trip West and South, remaining some time, and later engaged in the mercantile business at North Apollo for a number of years. Having always been ambitious to study law he sold out and began reading with his brother, Graves S. Crosby, who practiced at Parker and Kittanning, and also read law with Wilson Jenks, at Clarion, Pa., being admitted to the bar in Clarion county, in the year 1873. He only practiced there a short time, however, before he was admitted to the Armstrong county bar, and from that time until 1888 he engaged in practice in his native county. He was admitted to the Supreme court of Pennsylvania in 1887. In 1888 he went out to Omaha, Nebr., where he was admitted to the bar and entered upon practice, and he was also admitted to practice in Utah. He continued to follow his profession at Omaha for a period of fifteen years, during which he was very successful. Coming back to his home county upon the death of his wife, he ever afterward remained there, making his home on Grant street, in the borough of Leechburg, where he led a retired life until his death, March 11, 1914. He was probably best known as Judge Crosby, having served six years as municipal judge in Omaha, Nebr. He was a man whose high integrity and honorable character commanded the respect of all who knew him. His life was

interesting and eventful, and he was a useful member of the profession of his choice.

In December, 1880, Judge Crosby married Jennie Beggs, of Parker, who was born Dec. 5, 1857, and died April 25, 1903, in Omaha, Nebr. She is buried in the Crosby family lot in the Leechburg cemetery. Until their removal West they lived in Leechburg, where he built a fine residence. Mr. and Mrs. Crosby reared one child, Glennie Bowers Crosby, daughter of Lewis Bowers, who died at Leechburg when his daughter was but three years old.

Fraternally Judge Crosby was a Mason, first holding membership in the Blue Lodge at Parkers Landing and later transferring to Leechburg Lodge, No. 577, F. & A. M., with which he was connected until his death. In politics he was a Republican. During the Civil war he entered the 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Colonel Sirwell, was elected lieutenant of Company I, and served with the Army of the Cumberland.

William Crosby, son of Samuel and Jane (Gourley), was born Aug. 26, 1835, in Allegheny (now Parks) township, Armstrong county. He attended the common schools and Leechburg Academy, and during his young manhood taught school for seven winters in his native township. He has since devoted all his time to farming, in 1881 buying a part of the old Jacob Hill farm, in Parks township, from his father-in-law. He has a tract of 104 acres, and he and his wife have worked together to improve this place according to the most approved standards, they having erected all the buildings, planted all the trees, and made all the numerous changes which have transformed it into a valuable property. Mr. Crosby follows general agriculture in his operations. He is progressive in his work and ideas, and has been very prominent in the work of the Grange in his section. He was the second man in the State of Pennsylvania to hand in his name for the National Grange. He organized the Laural Point Grange and was its master for many years. The hall in which its meetings are held is on his property, Mr. Crosby charging nothing for the site as long as it is used for Grange purposes. With the exception of two years during which he served as master, Mr. W. F. Hill has been secretary of this Grange since its organization, Feb. 8, 1890. Mrs. Crosby, who is well known in the community as "Aunt Eliza," was one of the charter members and has always taken an active part in the work. Mr. James G. McSparran, of Lancaster, Pa., has delivered a number of lectures in this section, some of them in the Laurel Point Grange hall, and he has made his headquarters with Mr. Crosby when here. There are few more respected citizens than Mr. Crosby in this section. He has done much for the general welfare, and has shown by his own success that he is practical and efficient in all he undertakes. He has a good gas well in operation on his farm, providing gas for all domestic purposes in his home. The farm is underlaid with coal which also enhances its value.

On Nov. 24, 1859, Mr. Crosby married Eliza A. Hill, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Ulam) Hill. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Crosby are members of the Presbyterian Church at Leechburg, and he affiliates with Leechburg Lodge, No. 577, F. & A. M. In politics Mr. Crosby is a Republican, and he has been somewhat active in his locality, serving as school director.

Graves S. Crosby, brother of Samuel M. and William Crosby, was born Jan. 29, 1843. He studied law, and became one of the foremost attorneys at the Armstrong county bar. After being admitted to practice he opened an office at Parkers Landing, during the time of the oil excitement there. During his spare time while there he wrote his book, "Platonic Love," published in 1875, which met with considerable success. Later he located at Kittanning, where he continued in practice until his death, which occurred at Leechburg, at the comparatively early age of forty-three, May 6, 1886. He is buried in the Crosby family lot in the Leechburg cemetery. During the Civil war he served in the 139th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment.

AMBROSE M. MATEER, a merchant of Ford City, was born in 1863, in Pine township, this county, son of Samuel and Eliza (Ambrose) Mateer. The maternal grandfather, John Ambrose, was born in Pennsylvania, coming of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

Samuel Mateer was extensively engaged in the cattle business in conjunction with farming. To him and his wife were born children as follows: James E. B.; John H.; Dr. R. M.; B. F.; Samuel S.; Anna J., married to W. C. Calahan; Margaret E., to Findley P. Wolf; Elizabeth, to Joseph Banks; Ambrose M.; and Alexander M.

Ambrose M. Mateer attended the public school of his district and Dayton Academy, following which he taught school for eight years, becoming one of the well-known educators of his part of Armstrong county. He

then embarked in the mercantile business, which later he removed to Rosston, Pa., remaining there until 1906. In that year he located at Ford City, buying property upon which he built his commodious brick store structure, 52 by 82 feet, two stories in height, the largest and handsomest in Ford City. Here he opened up a general dry goods, grocery and queensware business, and carries at all times a full and fresh stock of articles in his different lines. His prices and the quality of his goods bring him a large and constantly increasing patronage from the best people of Ford City. Mr. Mateer thoroughly understands his trade, and knows how to meet acceptably the demands of his customers.

In 1893 Mr. Mateer was married to Anna M. Householder, daughter of John Householder, of Armstrong county. They have three children: John A. (educated at the Kittanning high school), Marian N. and Edward A. Mr. Mateer belongs to Blue Lodge No. 244, F. & A. M., Kittanning, and to the B. P. O. Elks lodge of the same borough.

WILLIAM CURTIN MARSHALL, who is editor and proprietor of the Dayton *News*, one of the leading journals of Armstrong county, is a native of this county, born in Wayne township May 9, 1864, and is a son of David L. and Maria J. (Marshall) Marshall. His paternal line is traced as follows:

Samuel Marshall, the youngest son of William Marshall, was born in what was then York (now Adams) county, Pa. On May 20, 1791, he married Mary Sterling, probably of Indiana county, as he had accompanied his parents to that part of the State at an early date, and they lived on his farm of 300 acres in Conemaugh township, Indiana county. The children of Samuel and Mary Marshall were: Mary, Walter, Joseph, Elizabeth, Jane, William S. and Sarah, twins, Archibald, Samuel S., Rebecca and John.

Archibald Marshall, son of Samuel, was born Feb. 10, 1805, in the southern part of Indiana county. He learned the blacksmith's trade and after his marriage lived on his father's farm until 1834, when he purchased about 500 acres of land in what is now Cowanshannock township, in Armstrong county, near Bryan. When Mr. Marshall settled on this land in the spring of 1834 he found the entire tract covered with a heavy growth of woods and he probably had to clear a space before he could erect his first log cabin, which he later supplanted by a comfortable hewed log building. In 1837 he sold a farm from the western part of his property to Robert McMeans, and in 1840 disposed of another portion to Samuel McCartney, this farm including the site of his first cabin. About 1846 he sold more land, to C. A. Logan and to a Mr. Kroh, and purchased a farm in Wayne township, near Belknap, on which the family resided until 1868, when he disposed of that property. He moved then to Illinois, where his wife soon afterward died, and he went out to Kansas, where his death occurred Sept. 19, 1870. On June 29, 1829, he married Elizabeth Bricker, who was born Nov. 17, 1807, and died May 4, 1869. They had children as follows: Jane, born May 2, 1830, married Joseph Alcorn May 5, 1847; Catherine, born Nov. 2, 1832, married William Christy; Margaret, born April 2, 1834, married John Shirley; Susan, born Feb. 5, 1836, married Leslie L. Hazlett; Mary S., born July 21, 1838, married Thomas D. McColgin; David L. was the father of William C. Marshall; William A., born Jan. 12, 1843, who enlisted in the 78th Pa. Vol. Inf., and served as a soldier for three years in the Civil war, was married Aug. 25, 1868, to Susan E. Soxman; and Sarah A., born May 29, 1845, was married in Kansas, in 1871, to N. Long.

David L. Marshall, son of Archibald, was born Sept. 10, 1840, was reared on the old home, and learned the carpenter's trade. On Sept. 5, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company M, 5th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and was honorably discharged at Pittsburgh, Pa., in July, 1865. For many years afterward he followed the carpenter's trade. In 1872 he was appointed a justice of the peace for Dayton borough and continued in office until 1884, and was elected to the same office again in 1889, continuing to serve until his death, which occurred Feb. 21, 1892. On Dec. 10, 1861, he married Maria J. Marshall, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wilson) Marshall.

Joseph Marshall, the maternal grandfather of William Curtin Marshall, was born Oct. 17, 1792. On April 1, 1819, he married Mary Wilson, born July 14, 1799, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Wilson. Thomas Wilson was born July 18, 1772, and was married April 14, 1797, to Elizabeth Mitchell, who was born Jan. 25, 1770. To Joseph and Mary Marshall the following children were born: Elizabeth, April 1, 1820 (married Jacob Hanna); Archibald A., July 4, 1822 (married Sarah N. McClelland); Catherine, June 13, 1824 (married Nathan McClelland); Thomas W., Sept. 18, 1826

(married Eliza Shoemaker); Eves W., Jan. 29, 1829; Joseph M., Sept. 3, 1831 (married Eliza Welsh); Eunice B., Dec. 5, 1833 (married David K. Alcorn); Robert A., March 6, 1836; Maria J., Oct. 8, 1839 (still survives and resides at Dayton, Pa.); and William N. Sims, July 5, 1842 (on Sept 14, 1862, he enlisted for the State defense in Company G, 22d Pa. Vol. Inf.; he married Eliza Ellenberger).

William Curtin Marshall is an only child. He was educated at Dayton and Glade Run Academy, attending school regularly in the winter seasons and giving his father assistance in the summers, both on the farm and in the carpenter shop. His ambition, however, was to become connected with newspaper work, and in December, 1882, he started to learn printing in the office of the Dayton *News,* which was then conducted by the firm of Elder, Orr & Co., continuing in their office for one year. In December, 1883, he became associated as a partner with D. A. Lowe in the ownership of the *News,* and they continued together until 1885, when Mr. Marshall sold his interest to Mr. Lowe, after which he went to Putneyville, Pa., where he opened a job office for one year. On April 19, 1887, he started on a trip through the West and traveled over considerable territory, in every town finding work at his trade. The death of his father in 1892 recalled him to Dayton and in July of that year he purchased a half interest in the *News,* his partner being B. S. Pontius, whose interest he bought in October, 1897. Since then Mr. Marshall has conducted the paper alone and has made it one of the leading journals of this section of the State. He has a natural talent for journalism and undoubtedly has fitted himself into the right groove in life.

On June 14, 1899, Mr. Marshall was married to Letta L. Hays, a daughter of William Hays, of Washington township, Armstrong Co., Pa., and they have one son, Malvern Hays Marshall, who was born June 26, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are members of the Glade Run Presbyterian Church, of which he has been treasurer since his election to this office in January, 1907. Politically Mr. Marshall is a Republican and is one of the active, interested and reliable public men of Dayton borough. In February, 1895, he was first elected a justice of the peace and served continuously for five years. After the passage of five more years he was reelected to the same office, in 1905, and was again reelected in 1910. For seven years he was a member of the Dayton school board, one year being its treasurer and five years secretary; served several terms as borough auditor, and in 1910 was census enumerator of the borough. Mr. Marshall is a stockholder in the Dayton Normal Institute, of which he was one of the organizers. He has been an active promoter and supporter of the Dayton Fair Association, of which he was president for two years and secretary for seven years. In several fraternal organizations he is quite prominent. He is past grand of Lodge No. 738, Odd Fellows, at Dayton, for several years was secretary of the lodge; was chief organizer of the encampment, which was instituted Jan. 28, 1910, and served as first chief of Dayton Encampment, No. 121, of which he is now scribe; he has also been clerk of Dayton Camp, M. W. of A., since it was instituted, April 3, 1899, and he served as the first captain of the Sons of Veterans at Dayton.

WALTER L. GEORGE, business man and capitalist of Apollo, Armstrong county, was born in the county Dec. 30, 1864, near South Bend, son of Samuel and Mary A. (Lelless) George.

Samuel George was a farmer and early settler of Armstrong county. In 1852 he went to California, prospecting for gold in that State, and later returned to Armstrong county, where he rounded out a successful life, dying in 1903, aged seventy-three years. His widow still survives, now (1913) aged seventy-three years. At the time of his death Mr. George owned 200 acres of land in Armstrong county. Politically he was a Democrat, and he and his wife early joined the Lutheran Church. Ten children were born to them, eight of whom survive, four sons and four daughters, and of them all Walter L. was fifth in the order of birth.

Walter L. George attended school until he was eighteen years old, and then left to become a clerk in a general store in Blairsville, Pa. A year later he went to Greensburg, and for five years clerked there in a general store. During the next two years he held the same position in Fayette City. Having thus gained valuable experience which educated him thoroughly for business life, he came to Apollo and began to conduct a grocery with his brother under the firm name of George Brothers. This partnership continued for a decade, when the firm dissolved, W. L. George retaining the grocery business under his own name.

In 1901 the First National Bank was organized by Andrew Gallagher, George J. Bortz, Harry Kennedy and W. S. Beamer, and soon thereafter (the same year) Mr. George was

elected the president, while Charles P. Wolf was made cashier. The bank has a capital stock of $50,000 and a surplus of $50,000, and does a general banking business. The safety deposit vault in the bank is considered by experts to be one of the best in any banking concern in the county. The deposits the first year were $70,000, and they now average $400,000.

Mr. George is also president of the Apollo Lime & Ballast Company, which has a capital stock of $50,000. The mines and business offices are located in Apollo, Armstrong county. This concern produces and handles a large amount of stone and crushed rock. In addition to his other interests, Mr. George has some holdings in the coal fields, and is a stockholder in the West Penn Coal Mining Company.

On Oct. 15, 1902, Mr. George was married to Edna Leydic, of Indiana, Pa. Samuel Nesley, born July 31, 1907, is the only child of this marriage. Mr. George's religious connection is with the Lutheran Church. On political questions he is a Democrat.

SAMUEL S. BURNS, retired farmer of Dayton, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born on his grandfather's farm in Cowanshannock township, June 4, 1858, son of William J. and Mary (Thomas) Burns.

John Burns, grandfather of Samuel S. Burns, was born in the north of Ireland in 1784. Coming to America with his family, he settled in what afterward became Cowanshannock township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he bought 100 acres of land, situated in the woods. He cleared this property, and operated it until his death. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Scott, and they had one son, William J. They were members of the United Presbyterian Church in Wayne township, and are buried in the little cemetery of that church.

William J. Burns, son of John Burns, was born in Ireland in 1826, and was brought to America by his parents when twelve years old. He received a good common school education, and when sixteen years of age began his career as an educator. For the following nineteen terms he taught school in Wayne and Cowanshannock townships, becoming a very well-known man. In conjunction with his profession he engaged in farming. In 1878 he moved to Indiana county, where he bought farming land, and operated it until his removal to Enterprise, in the same county. This homestead is still owned by Samuel S. Burns and his sister. After his location at Enterprise Mr. Burns established himself as superintendent of a lumber company there, but two years later returned to his farm, where he died in October, 1897. His wife, who was a native of Indiana county, bore him the following children: John, deceased; William T., who is farming in Cowanshannock township; Samuel S.; Joseph A., deceased; Nancy J., widow of Samuel R. Moore, now living in Cowanshannock township; David Duff, deceased; and Findley T., deceased.

Samuel S. Burns attended school in his home district, remaining with his father until he married. Following this he assumed charge of the farm, operating it until he came to Dayton in 1908. During this period he proved his right to be considered a successful agriculturist, and since locating in the borough has interested himself in some of the local financial enterprises. Mr. Burns was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Plumville, Indiana Co., Pa., established in December, 1905, he being one of the original directors, and still a member of the board. He is also one of the organizers of the Dayton Normal Institute, and served it several years as trustee.

A stanch Republican, Mr. Burns has been called upon to support the principles of his party in office, having served his township as justice of the peace (for thirteen years, until he removed from the District), school director, auditor and supervisor, discharging all the duties pertaining to these with dignified capability. The United Presbyterian Church held his membership, but he later transferred to the Glade Run Presbyterian Church, which he has served as trustee, and is now superintendent of the Sunday school, having held that position for several years, during which time he has appreciably raised its standard of excellence.

Mr. Burns married Sarah C. Neal, daughter of Smith Neal, of Cowanshannock township, and they have the following named children: Nancy J., who married John E. Pattison, is living on Mrs. Burn's old homestead in Cowanshannock township; Louella Pearle, who married M. T. Millin, now lives in DuBois, Pa.; Harry died in infancy; John N. is with the Western Electric Company of Chicago; William L. is a member of the Johnston-Beyer Hardware Company of Rural Valley, Pennsylvania.

The First National Bank of Plumville, Pa., was opened for business Dec. 26, 1905, with a capital stock of $30,000, and the following officials: M. C. Wynkoop, president; D. W. Raraigh, vice president; and D. W. Douds, cash-

ier. The board of directors is as follows: D. Andrews, A. W. Clowes, S. D. Kerr, Charles Tucker, H. G. Bowers, G. T. Crooks, D. W. Raraigh, S. S. Burns and M C. Wynkoop, all men of sound financial standing, whose names back of such an institution insure its stability.

HENRY ALEXANDER COLWELL, president of the National Kittanning Bank and vice president and superintendent of the Kittanning Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company, the former one of the leading financial institutions of that borough, the latter one of the most important industrial concerns of Armstrong county, is a citizen whose value has been demonsrated through his long and intimate connection with affairs affecting the welfare of this entire section.

The members of the Colwell or Caldwell family have used various spellings of the name, the form Caldwell prevailing among a large number for several generations. It is also found written Coldwell and Coaldwell. Caldwell applied to place and family is traced in England, Scotland, Ireland and France, and from England, Scotland and Ireland emigrated many of the name to New England. Again, Coldwell as applied to place and family appears as remotely as in the time of the Conqueror, 1066-87, whom it is said the family accompanied to England, participating in the stirring events of that day. In Scotland the Caldwells, of Caldwell in Ayrshire, had become a prominent family as early as 1349, at which date it furnished a chancellor of Scotland.

William Colwell, the grandfather of Henry Alexander Colwell, was the first of his ancestors to settle in America, coming from Ireland. His elder brother, Alexander, had preceded him to this country, and lived at Kittanning among the early residents of that place. In 1814-15 he was engaged in the manufacture of nails at Kittanning. He married Margaret Henry. William Colwell was a farmer by occupation. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Bingham, settled in what is now East Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Pa., and they lived to advanced age. They were Presbyterians in religious faith. Among their children were: James, William, John Alexander, Mark and two daughters, Mary A. (who died when a young girl) and Mrs. John Barnett. Mark Colwell's widow lives on a farm two miles west of Kittanning over the river.

John Alexander Colwell, son of William, was one of the leading citizens of his generation in Armstrong county. A native of the North of Ireland, born (possibly in County Derry) in 1812, he was twelve years old when he came to this country, with the rest of the family. He lived in Kittanning with his uncle Alexander, who was engaged in business as a merchant, and was associated with him as clerk and partner in the store. In 1844, in partnership with Christian Shunk, they built the Mahoning Furnace on Mahoning creek, in Pine (now Mahoning) township, Mr. Shunk withdrawing from this association in 1845. This was one of the first places where pig metal was made, and though it was not the first establishment of the kind in Armstrong county, Mr. Colwell may be regarded as one of the pioneer iron manufacturers of this region. He continued with his uncle until the latter died, about 1866-67, leaving his interest to his daughters, who sold it to John Alexander Colwell and his son Henry Alexander Colwell, the business being still conducted under the name of J. A. Colwell & Co. until 1878, when they abandoned the plant. In October, 1879, father and son joined James E. Brown, James Mosgrove and Charles T. Neale, of Kittanning, and several Pittsburgh men associated under the style of Graff, Bennett & Co. (John Graff, James I. Bennett, Robert Marshall and Henry King), in the organization of the Kittanning Iron Company (Limited), with a capital of $150,000. Purchasing the property of James E. Brown, Trustee, they enlarged the facilities and began the manufacture of iron on an extensive scale. Within a few years great improvements had been effected and many additions made to the plant, the latter including a large blast furnace, part of the product of which was sold and part manufactured by the company into muck bar. New puddling furnaces were constructed and old ones repaired, and all necessary machinery for the manufacture of iron in all its forms was installed. In its early days the company spent fully $100,000 (then an immense sum) in modernizing the plant, building railroad side tracks, etc. Moreover, about a year after organizing they purchased a gas well three miles west of the works, to which the gas was conveyed in large pipes for use in puddling. The company acquired another important adjunct to the business in the ownership of several thousand acres of iron land, and leased several thousand more, in the Allegheny valley, in Armstrong and Clarion counties, using the ore therefrom in the blast furnace without admixture. The pig iron for the puddling

furnace was taken from the blast furnace to the rolling mill and was there converted into muck iron. About five hundred pounds of Lake ore was used in addition to the pig iron to produce one gross ton of muck iron. A part of the coke used was made at the works from coal mined in the vicinity. Thus it will be seen that a great plant was built up by this enterprising concern, and the fact that it afforded employment to several hundred men, about four hundred in the neighborhood and three hundred elsewhere, chiefly at the ore mines, made it one of the valuable institutions of this part of the State. It has had a continuous existence to the present, and with increased capital and equipment is now conducted under the name of the Kittanning Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company. A branch has also been established at Pittsburgh. Henry A. Colwell is now the only survivor of the original organizers. The establishment is the only one of its kind in Armstrong county. John A. Colwell continued to be prominently connected therewith until his death, which occurred in February, 1902. He was an able business man, one who gained and held the confidence of his associates. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Rebecca (Pritner) Colwell, had a family of seven children, five of whom are yet (1913) living. Wilson, the first born, died in infancy, and Mary, wife of Edward H. Jennings, president of the Colonial Trust Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., is also deceased.

Henry Alexander Colwell was born July 15, 1844, in Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Pa. He attended school at Mahoning Furnace, Pa., later was a pupil in the academy at Sewickley, Pa., for two years, and for one year attended school at Elder's Ridge, Pa. In 1861 he found employment at Kittanning as a clerk in the general mercantile establishment of McConnell & Campbell, with whom he remained about eighteen months. He next entered the employ of R. L. Brown & Co., who had an iron and rolling mill business at Kittanning, remaining with them about two years, and in March, 1865, took the position of superintendent at the Mahoning iron furnace. So well did he look after the affairs of that company in this responsible capacity that he became his father's partner and remained there until the plant was abandoned, as before related, in the spring of 1878. In 1879 he became a partner and foreman of the coal and iron mines of the Kittanning Iron Company (Limited), of which his father was one of the organizers, this concern in time becoming the Kittanning Iron and Steel Company. He has since been associated with this business, of which he has been one of the owners since 1879, and he is now the last survivor of the original group who organized this company. Upon the reorganization, when the concern took its present title, Mr. Colwell became vice president and superintendent, which position he has since filled. About three hundred hands are now regularly employed, a fact which makes the prosperity of the plant of the utmost importance to the well-being of the locality. Mr. Colwell is an all-around business man, and in addition to his manufacturing and banking interests has valuable holdings of farm lands in the county, which he has managed with the same good judgment which marks his conduct of other affairs. He is prominently associated with local financial institutions, being president of the National Kittanning Bank and a director of the Farmers' National Bank.

On Jan. 16, 1867, Mr. Colwell married Phebe Bratton Mosgrove, daughter of James and Rebecca J. (Brown) Mosgrove, of Kittanning, and they have three children: (1) James Mosgrove, who died at Salem, Va., April 26, 1913, was married twice, his first wife being Marion Hyde, his second Ida M. Sparry. There was one son by the first marriage, James Mosgrove Colwell, and by the second there were two sons, Craig Alexander and Henry Alexander. (2) John A. married Helen Wally, of Troy, N. Y., and they had two children, Phoebe Mosgrove, wife of John D. Bibb, of Montgomery, Ala., and Henry Alexander. The father died Aug. 6, 1913, at Anniston, Ala. (3) Henry Clifford is unmarried and lives at home in Kittanning.

Mr. Colwell is a Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge No. 244 at Kittanning, and he is a member of the Pennsylvania Society of New York. He and his wife attend the Episcopal Church.

John Mosgrove, grandfather of Mrs. Henry Alexander Colwell, was born in Ireland, and was quite young when he came to this country. He was one of the first settlers at Kittanning, Armstrong county, having come to this region about the time this place was laid out. He continued to live there until his death, following his trade, that of carpenter, during the greater part of his residence at Kittanning. He married Mary Gillespie, daughter of John Gillespie, a pioneer of Armstrong county. She was a cousin of James G. Blaine. John Gillespie conveyed

116 acres and 100 perches to Nicholas Clark in West Franklin township, June 28, 1848, for $1,000; 71 acres and 106 perches Clark conveyed to James Blaine, April 2, 1858, for $925. Five children were born to their union, two sons and three daughters, namely: James is mentioned below; Andrew J., an attorney by profession, entered the United States volunteer service during the Mexican war and died while in the army; Margaret married Thomas B. Storey; Phebe Isabella married Judge Jackson Boggs; Anna Jane married Simon Truby.

Hon. James Mosgrove, son of John and Mary (Gillespie) Mosgrove, was born June 14, 1821, in Kittanning. When a youth he took a position as clerk in the Buffalo Furnace in Armstrong county and from the first showed such remarkable qualities in the way of business ability and trustworthiness that he rose rapidly in the confidence and esteem of his employers, who within a comparatively short time gave him the management of the furnace. About the time of his marriage he entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, James E. Brown, of Kittanning, becoming part owner and active manager of the Pine Creek Furnace, with which he was connected in that capacity from 1845 to 1880. During that period he experienced many phases of the prosperity of the iron business, and he also acquired extensive interests in other lines, his versatility and superior judgment making him a desirable associate in whatever field he chose to enter. He was engaged extensively in the production of oil, was president of the Kittanning Iron Works, and was also prominently connected with the First National Bank of Kittanning, which he served as president from the death of James E. Brown until its charter expired in July, 1882; he was one of the organizers of that institution. He also served as president of its successor, the National Bank of Kittanning, being the largest stockholder in this bank.

Mr. Mosgrove was also prominent in public life, and in politics was always associated with the Democratic party. He was, however, nominated for Congress by the Greenbacks in 1878, not because he had joined the party but because he had for so many years been a champion of its financial doctrines. The Democrats did not indorse the nomination, as was expected, so although he ran far ahead of the normal Greenback vote he was not elected. In 1880 he was again the Congressional nominee, this time of both the Democratic and Greenback parties, and though the district was Republican won the election by 756 votes. In 1882 he was renominated, but he declined to run. His service was characteristic of the man, intelligent, efficient and faithful, and the Twenty-fifth district felt honored in sending so creditable a representative to Congress. He never sought an office of any kind, the honor coming to him entirely without any activity on his part. During his period in Congress and after he came home he took an active interest in advocating pensions for soldiers' widows. He was a senior warden and took active interest in St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

In 1845 Mr. Mosgrove married Rebecca Jane Brown, daughter of Robert Brown.

In an old volume printed in 1801, "Baronets Created by King James I.," we find under "Musgrave of Eden-Hall, Cumberland," created baronet June 29, 1611, that the family is of great antiquity and reputation, and came into England with the Conqueror, settling at Musgrave in Westmoreland.

Arms: Azure, six annulets, or, 3, 2, and 1 (that is, three annulets in the top row, two in the next and one in the lower). Crest: Two arms in armor, proper, gauntleted, and grasping an annulet, or. Motto: *Sans changer.*

Seats: Eden-Hall, Cumberland, and Kempton-Park, Middlesex. There are also Musgraves of Myrtle Grove, County Cork, Ireland; Tourain Cappoquin, County Waterford, Ireland; Ashby, Musgrave and Hartley Castle, County of Westmoreland, England; Norton Conyers, County Cork, Ireland.

In "Ancedotes of Heraldry, in which is set forth the origin of the armorial bearings of many families," by C. N. Elvin, M. A. (1864), we find the story of the six rings, as follows:

The family of Musgrave is of German origin, and they are said to have obtained their arms in the following way: Sigismund, grand duke of Austria, had a daughter distinguished for beauty and accomplishments, whose hand was sought by two of his generals, Musgrave being one of them. As they were of equal rank and had both rendered him important service, Sigismund was very unwilling to prefer one to the other; but finally, at the suggestion of the lady, who secretly loved Musgrave and was aware of his skill as a lance, he decided that the two should run six courses at the ring—a game then very much in vogue—and that whichever of them should bear it off the greater number of times should become the husband of his daughter. The candidates accepted these conditions gladly, and when the day of trial came Mus-

grave showed the lady that her confidence in him had not been misplaced; for with a degree of skill utterly unprecedented he bore the ring six times following to the utter confusion of his opponent, who however could not repine at the fulfillment of conditions which he had himself accepted. The Grand Duke accordingly gave his daughter to Musgrave, and for arms commemorative of the event six annulets or on a field of azure; with crest, two arms armed proper holding an annulet.

Mrs. Henry A. Colwell has a representation of the arms, done in color.

Mrs. Colwell's mother, Rebecca J. (Brown) Mosgrove, was a half-sister of James E. Brown, partner of James Mosgrove in the Pine Creek Furnace and of him and the Colwells in the Kittanning Iron Company. It is said no other person was so closely connected with the growth and development of Armstrong county. The ancestry of the Brown family had been traced back over two hundred years, to the James Brown who was killed at the battle of the Boyne, and there has been a James in every generation from him since, James E. Brown being the fifth generation to have that Christian name. This soldier was a Scotchman, and was a member of the Farmers' regiment known as the Enniskillen dragoons, composed entirely, according to the old song, of men "six feet two without a shoe." His son James had two sons, John by his first wife and James by his second, Grazilla (Kennedy), and these brothers, John and James, were the great-grandfather and grandfather of Charles E. Brown, the former in the paternal and the latter in the maternal line. John Brown had a son John, who married Margaret Eaton and by her had nine children, Betty (Mrs. Thompson), Jane (Mrs. Hughes), Nancy (Mrs. Montgomery), John, Joseph, Robert, George, James and William. By his second wife, whose maiden name was Irwin, he had Thomas, Frank, Irwin, Margaret and Mary.

Robert Brown, father of James E. and son of John (2), was born in Ireland in 1775, and came to this country about 1795. Soon afterward he married Rebecca Brown, daughter of James Brown, mentioned formerly as uncle of John Brown (2), who was fourteen years older than his uncle. James Brown served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He was living in Carlisle, Pa., at the time of his daughter Rebecca's marriage. After marriage Robert and Rebecca Brown settled near Ebenezer, in Indiana county, Pa., and there their son James E. was born May 5, 1799. For his second wife Robert Brown married Phoebe Bratton, and she was the mother of Rebecca J., who married James Mosgrove, they becoming the parents of Mrs. Henry Alexander Colwell.

Mrs. Phoebe (Bratton) Brown was a daughter of James Bratton, a Revolutionary soldier, who was a native of Ireland and rented a large tract of land in Mifflin county, Pa. Among the "killed, wounded and missing" in Colonel Armstrong's Company, of Kittanning, 1756, we find Ephraim Bratton, wounded. In 1768 James Bratton married Isabella Bratton, and they had six children: Jane (Mrs. Parks), William, Elizabeth (Mrs. Starks), George, Phoebe (born March 13, 1788, married Robert Brown, as his second wife) and Robert. James Bratton's widow married Alexander Stolford, by whom she had one daughter, Margaret, Mrs. Stuart.

Mrs. Colwell has her sampler, worked beautifully in silk, on which we read: "Phoebe Bratton, daughter of James and Isabella Bratton, was born March 13, 1788, and made her sampler in Mrs. Armstrong's school, Lancaster, (Pa.), in the year of our Lord 1805. Teach me the measure of my days thou maker of my frame. I would survey lifes narrow space and learn how frail I am."

FRANK MAST, dealer in general merchandise and postmaster at Rimer, Pa., was born in Clarion county, Pa., March 2, 1855, son of Isaac and Sarah (Reese) Mast. He is of German and Welsh descent.

John F. Mast, great-grandfather of Frank Mast, was a native of Germany, and was among the pioneers of Northampton county, Pa., where he lived until his death. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Jacob Mast, son of John F., was a native of Northampton county, Pa. He settled in Toby township, now Clarion county, in 1832, and followed the trade of carpenter in that section of the country all his life. He married Catherine Transue, and they reared a family of five children: Isaac; Abraham; Lavina, who married Andrew Reese; Jacob, who was killed in the battle of the Wilderness in the Civil war; and Sarah, who married John B. Miller.

Isaac Mast, father of Frank, was a blacksmith by trade. He came to Armstrong county in 1859, locating at Red Bank and soon after in Madison township, at what is now Rimer post office. Here he worked at his trade up to the time of his death, which occurred in

1903, when he was seventy-nine years of age. He married Sarah, daughter of Andrew Reese, who was a native of Baltimore, Md., and was a pioneer shoemaker of near Callensburg, Clarion Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Mast had six children, as follows: Stephie D.; Arnold; Frank; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Early; Sarah, who married Jacob Bowser; and Jennie.

Frank Mast from the age of four years spent his youth in Madison township, receiving a common school education. He began his business career as an employee on the Allegheny Valley railroad, and later followed mining. In 1885 he embarked in general merchandising at Rimerton (Rimer post office) and he has built up a large and successful business. He has been postmaster at Rimer since 1892. Mr. Mast is energetic and up-to-date and is most popular in his community.

On July 15, 1879, Mr. Mast married Letitia, daughter of William and Letitia (Morrow) Hays, both natives of Ireland. They have six children: Wade H., county surveyor of Armstrong county; Blaine, a member of the Armstrong county bar; Wave, wife of Albert R. Montgomery; Flow; Glenn, and Frank, Jr. Mr. Mast and his family are members of the Episcopal Church. He is a member of Kittanning Lodge, No. 244, F. & A. M. He has held various township offices, serving as delegate to several State conventions, and he served three terms as a member of the State Legislature. A public-spirited man, he has the interest of his township at heart, always anxious to do his share in improving the conditions of his town. He served as treasurer of Armstrong county three years, and gave most efficient service in this office. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

MARTIN. The Martin family dates back in the history of Pennsylvania for more than a century, during which period its representatives have been honest, reliable citizens of several counties. The name is a well-known one in Armstrong county, and stands for integrity and uprightness of purpose.

Francis Martin, the founder of the family in America, was born in Scotland in 1750, and died in what is now Wayne township, Armstrong county, Aug. 23, 1845, aged ninety-five years. He came to the United States in 1800, settling in the locality which continued to be his home, where he not only carried on his trade of weaving, but operated a farm, which he first had to clear. He was twice married, and by his first wife, who was a Miss Powers, had these children: John, grandfather of Frank B. and William M. Martin on the maternal side, born in 1800, who died June 6, 1882; Robert, their grandfather on the paternal side; Hugh, who married Betsy Powers and had one child, Mrs. John Culbertson, of Philadelphia; and Stephen, who died Nov. 24, 1886, aged eighty-nine years.

Robert Martin, son of Francis, born in Scotland in 1798, died in Boggs township March 15, 1868, aged seventy years. He was brought by his father to this country when only two years old. For some time he lived in Little Britain township, Lancaster Co., Pa., but later moved to what is now Boggs township, Armstrong county, where he followed farming until his death. He married Margaret Wasson, and they had children as follows: John, born Feb. 3, 1830, died in 1901; Robert died April 3, 1914, on the old farm in Boggs township, aged eighty-one years; Francis died in Denver, Col., in 1906; Hannah married Robert Dill and had two children, Moses and Margaret.

John Martin, father of Frank B. and William M. Martin, and son of Robert, was born Feb. 18, 1830. He came to Armstrong county, settling in what is now Wayne township, near Snyderville, and became a successful farmer, dying upon his property in 1901. His wife was Rebecca Martin, born in 1833, who died in 1904. These children were born to John and Rebecca Martin: Robert S., an attorney at law, of Pittsburgh, born Nov. 9, 1855; Frank B., born July 20, 1857; William M., born Dec. 15, 1864; and John C., born Aug. 14, 1867.

The maternal grandfather of Frank B. and William M. Martin, John Martin, was born in 1800, and lived until 1882. His birth took place in Scotland, soon before the migration to the United States. During his younger days he was a weaver, and also worked on the old canal, but later in life devoted himself to farming. John Martin married Mrs. Eleanora (Culbertson) McCauley, daughter of William Culbertson, and widow of John McCauley, by whom she had four children: William, born in 1821; John, born in 1826; Marjory, and Martha. By her marriage with Mr. Martin she had one child, Rebecca.

FRANK B. MARTIN attended the local school and grew up on the farm of his father, John Martin, in Wayne township. He now owns this homestead of 130 acres, as well as another one in Boggs township, of 100 acres, both of which are very valuable. On Dec. 28, 1910, he retired from the strenuous life of a farmer, and now lives in Dayton, where

he is a representative of the Johnston Harvesting Company. He sells the machinery produced by this company, having eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania as his territory.

Frank B. Martin married Mary J. McIlwain, a daughter of John and Sarah (Moore) McIlwain, well-known people of Valley township, this county. They have had the following children: Robert B., Roscoe H., Alma R., Ellen C. and Elizabeth S.

Mr. Martin is a trustee of the Dayton Normal Institute, having been one of the organizers of same, and takes an active part in its management. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank at Dayton. Politically he is a Republican, and served as justice of the peace of Wayne township for six years, and as a member of the Wayne township school board for eighteen years, a part of the time being either president or secretary of the board. For years he has been a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the session. Upon two occasions he was a candidate for the office of sheriff of Armstrong county, but was defeated by a small majority each time. A progressive man with advanced ideas in regard to civic responsibility, Mr. Martin takes a deep interest in the advancement of his community.

Robert B. Martin, eldest son of Frank B. Martin, was born in Wayne township July 19, 1885. He was graduated from the Dayton Normal Institute, class of 1907, and also attended Grove City College. For seven terms he has been a teacher, and at present is in charge of the Slate Hill school in Wayne township. Mr. Martin has business interests as well as high professional connections, for in 1908 he formed a partnership with H. L. Ellenberger, at Dayton, under the style of Martin & Ellenberger, for the purpose of handling hardware, groceries and farm implements. Since its inception the business has been in a flourishing condition, and a large trade is controlled. In August, 1911, Mr. Martin married Nancy M. Butler, daughter of John Butler, a farmer of Wayne township, and to this union has been born Helen Lucile, Nov. 11, 1912.

Roscoe H. Martin, another son of Frank B. Martin, was born March 3, 1888. He received a common school education and is now farming the homestead, being the fifth generation of his family to operate this property. He married Nellie Coleman, daughter of Wesley B. Coleman, of Indiana county.

Alma R. Martin, daughter of Frank B. Martin, was also graduated from the Dayton Normal Institute, class of 1911. She is a remarkably successful young teacher, having begun her work as an instructor when only fifteen years old.

William M. Martin, a farmer of Wayne township, son of John Martin, and brother of Frank B. Martin, was born Dec. 15, 1864. During his boyhood he attended the township school, and worked on the farm with his father until 1887, when he located on his present property, consisting of 120 acres of valuable land. Mr. Martin erected all of his present buildings, and had the misfortune to lose a fine barn by fire in 1903. He had just gathered his crops, so lost them all, but he replaced the destroyed building with another equally convenient. There are five gas wells on his property, and the land is underlaid with coal. This farm is now one of the best in the township, and is held at a high figure. While carrying on general farming for years, Mr. Martin has specialized in stock raising, and is an admitted authority upon agricultural subjects. In addition to his homestead he owns two other farms, aggregating 240 acres. Mr. Martin takes a pride in maintaining a high standard of excellence, not only in his buildings and premises, but crops and stock, buying the highest grade. His operations are conducted upon an extensive scale, and he employs modern methods in all his work, fully recognizing the advantage accruing from scientific management. As a result he is one of the leading farmers and business men of his district, and a true representative of the heavy agricultural interests of Armstrong county. In addition to his other connections, he is a director of the local telephone company.

On Sept. 28, 1887, Mr. Martin was married to Ida May Mateer, daughter of James and Esther (Lowry) Mateer. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are the parents of the following named children: James Warren is at home; Hazel E. married John G. Kuhns, and they live in Boggs township; John E. and Lowry Mateer are both at home.

A Republican, Mr. Martin has not had much time to devote to public life, for his interests are focused upon his own affairs. For years he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church, which he serves ably as trustee.

Through all these generations, from Francis Martin down to the fifth generation, it is seen that the Martins have been numbered among the best class of people in their several communities, and wherever they go they are a distinct gain to a locality.

JOHN S. PORTER, attorney at law of Kittanning, one of the representative lawyers of Armstrong county, Pa., is a native of the Keystone State, having been born on a farm in Wayne township, Armstrong county, April 28, 1875, son of William D. and Martha J. (Steele) Porter, great-great-grandson of Rev. Samuel Porter, great-grandson of William Porter and grandson of Samuel H. Porter.

(I) Rev. Samuel Porter was one of the pioneer and leading clergyman of the Presbyterian Church in the early history of western Pennsylvania. He was born in Ireland on June 11, 1760, and came to America about the close of the Revolutionary war, in the year 1783. For a time he located in Franklin county, Pa., and then moved on to the western part of the State, where at Congruity Church, in Westmoreland county, he spent the greater part of his active ministry, until his death in the year 1825. He was a man of letters and distinguished ability, a number of his writings and sermons being collected and published in book form by the Presbyterian Historical Society in the year 1853. He left to survive him two sons: John and William.

(II) William Porter, son of Rev. Samuel Porter, born in Westmoreland county, Pa., while yet a struggling farmer moved to Cowanshannock township, in Armstrong county. He lived there for a number of years on a farm he purchased, near Rural Valley, and became a prominent citizen of the community. He was active in church work, being a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church until his death. Nine children were born to him, five daughters and four sons, the eldest of the sons being Samuel H.

(III) Samuel H. Porter, son of William Porter, was born in Cowanshannock township and lived there during his early life. He worked on his father's farm until old enough to make his own way, after which he met and married Nancy Calhoun, a daughter of the late John Calhoun, of Wayne township. Shortly thereafter he purchased a farm from Gen. Robert Orr, near that of his wife's people in Wayne township, where he lived until his death, in 1885. He was an earnest member and worker in the Concord Presbyterian Church, being a member of the session for many years. He was a man of rare literary ability, and a most influential and highly esteemed citizen of the community. Four children were born to him: John T. and Mary C., both of whom died in early life; Eliza J., wife of Robert McQuilkin, of Dayton, Pa., and William D.

(IV) William D. Porter like his father was a farmer and was born in Wayne township, where he lived. In 1862 he enlisted from Armstrong county for service in the Civil war, in Company K, 155th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Entering the service as a private, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant during his term and was mustered out with the company in 1865, at the close of the war. He saw much active service and hard fighting, participating in all of the engagements of his regiment from Antietam to Appomattox. Returning home, Mr. Porter resumed his duties as a private citizen, which his army experiences had interrupted, and became a well-known and highly respected man of the county. Through his own untiring efforts he acquired a very liberal education, and became known as a man of high literary attainments and oratorical ability. In the compilation of the history of Company K of his regiment, he assisted Maj. D. P. Marshall and Capt. John A. Cline in the preparation of the work, which was widely circulated in the several counties from which the regiment had been recruited. Mr. Porter, from early life, was an active member of the Concord Presbyterian Church, and for many years prior to his death, in the year 1896, was closely identified with the Sunday school work in the community. In 1865 he was united in marriage with Martha Jane Steele, a daughter of the late John Steele. Their three children were as follows: Ira L., who resides on the old homestead in Wayne township; Mary L., wife of Walter G. Boyd, of North Buffalo township; and John S.

(V) John S. Porter attended public school and the Glade Run and Kittanning Academies, meantime teaching several terms of school. He then entered Franklin College at New Athens, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated in 1898, and afterward took a post-graduate course to fit himself further for the work of teaching, which profession he followed for some time after his graduation. From 1901 to 1903 Mr. Porter was deputy register and recorder, and during this period read law with the firm of Carmalt & Strong, of Brookville, Pa., being admitted to the bar of Armstrong county April 1, 1904, in which year he established himself in the practice of his profession at Kittanning. Mr. Porter is recognized as one of the progressive citizens of the county, being interested in all problems tending to promote the best interests of the community and its people, and especially being an ardent advocate in the cause of education and the betterment of the public schools.

He has been secretary of the Applewold school board and also an officer of the County School Directors' Association for some years. As a public speaker, his services have been much in demand, in political campaigns and on other public occasions, he having the faculty of being both instructive and entertaining in his work. For some years Mr. Porter has been a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and he is now a member of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Kittanning. Proud of his father's record as a soldier in the Civil war, he is active in the organization of the Sons of Veterans and is prominently identified with other fraternal societies. In 1906 Mr. Porter was married to Gertrude M. Kerr, a daughter of Joel Kerr, of Foxburg, Pennsylvania.

The Calhouns, Mr. Porter's ancestors through his grandmother, Mrs. Nancy (Calhoun) Porter, trace their ancestry to Ireland, from which country James Calhoun, a native of County Donegal, came to America, settling in Lancaster county, Pa., prior to 1776, during the early part of the Revolutionary war. He enlisted for service on the Colonial side, and was wounded in one of the battles. After peace was declared he came to Indiana county, Pa., and was one of the earliest school teachers in that county, where he remained only a few years, however, removing thence to Boggs township, Armstrong county. Here he passed the remander of his life. He was a weaver by trade, but followed farming. By his first wife, Ellen (Templeton), he had two children, Samuel and William. After her death he married, for his second wife, Mrs. Mary Walker, mother of the celebrated spy, Col. Robert Walker, and by this union there were several children, one of whom was John. Her maiden name was Adams or Abrams.

Judge John Calhoun, son of James and Mary (Walker) Calhoun, was born Jan. 16, 1784, in Armstrong township, Indiana Co., Pa., and removed with his parents to Armstrong county when young, spending nearly all his life in Boggs and Wayne townships. He learned the trade of carpenter, but for many years was actively engaged in farming in Boggs and Wayne townships, having purchased a large tract of land near Dayton. On Aug. 30, 1811, he was commissioned lieutenant colonel of a militia regiment, and on March 30, 1818, was appointed by Governor Snyder, captain of an Armstrong company. In party connection he was originally a Whig, later a Democrat, and he was always active in politics. For thirty years he served as justice of the peace in Plum Creek and Wayne townships, receiving his first appointment from Governor Wolf. In 1845 he was appointed by Governor Porter associate judge of Armstrong county to serve out the unexpired term of Judge Beatty, deceased, and afterward was reappointed by Governor Shunk. His services in this capacity, which began in 1840 and terminated in 1849, were highly creditable to himself and satisfactory to all concerned. In early life a Seceder in religious connection, Judge Calhoun became a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, and one of the founders of both the Glade Run and Concord Presbyterian Churches, in each of which he held the office of elder. His death occurred when he was in his ninety-first year.

Judge Calhoun married Elizabeth Anthony, daughter of a German farmer of Indiana county, Jacob Anthony, whose wife's maiden name was Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony had three sons and three daughters. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun: Noah A., born Dec. 26, 1806, a farmer of Wayne township, died in 1889; William J., born July 22, 1809, a carpenter and farmer, was also of Wayne township, (his son James Robert died while a soldier, at Wheeling, W. Va.); Mary, born in 1812, married Thomas Ritchey, of Wayne township, and both are deceased; Nancy, born Sept. 18, 1814, was the wife of Samuel H. Porter; James Roberts, born March 25, 1817, in Wayne township, was a farmer there and afterward moved to Dayton, where he became a prominent citizen, serving as burgess (his son Ephraim A. was killed at the battle of the Wilderness); Sarah A., born Oct. 4, 1819, married James Calhoun, of Boggs township; Samuel S. N., born March 22 (or 23), 1823, in Wayne township, is deceased; Hon. John K., born Feb. 26, 1825, became a lawyer, served in 1856 and again in 1858 as a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly, in 1863 was captain of Company G, Emergency Men of Kittanning, and died when comparatively a young man. All this family were deceased in 1883 but Noah A., James R., and Samuel S. N. The mother died in September, 1828, and Judge Calhoun married for his second wife Catherine Marshall, by whom he had one child, Elizabeth, who married Robert Anthony, of Frostburg, Jefferson Co., Pennsylvania.

In Smith's history of Armstrong county, under Wayne township, we find: "The earliest purchase of land from the Holland Land Company, by George Beck, 145 acres, 52 perches, for $209, by deed dated Sept. 21,

1813, being part of the lands covered by warrant No. 3,046, on which he erected many years ago a two story brick residence, being the first of the kind in this region. Noah A. Calhoun's deed for a portion of this land covered by that warrant is dated the next day, Sept. 22, 1813, 197 acres, 140 perches, consideration $247.35."

Also "The North American Land Company possessed of several large tracts of land in this township, covered by warrant dated Dec. 2, 1793. That company was organized in Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 20, 1795, by written articles of agreement. It consisted of Robert Morris, the great financier of the Revolutionary struggle; John Nicholson, who was commissioned comptroller general of Pennsylvania, Nov. the 8th, 1782, and escheater general Oct. 2, 1787, and James Greenleaf, and those who should become purchasers, owners and holders of shares in the company. At the meeting of the shareholders, held Dec. 31, 1807, Henry Pratt, John Ashley, John Vaughn, Robert Porter, John Miller, Jr., and James Greenleaf were constitutionally elected president, managers and secretary of the company. The earliest purchasers of the tract covered by warrant No. 4,578 were Andrew Walker, Noah A. Calhoun, May 1, 1840, John Calhoun and Samuel Porter, June 24th, and the same day, for $1, five acres to Jacob Kammerdiener and Jacob B. Hettrich, trustees for the German Reformed Church."

GEORGE W. LARKINS, Ford City, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born in Flemington, Clinton Co., Pa., Jan. 1, 1861, son of John Larkins and Eliza (McGill) Larkins. He was educated in public and private schools, and worked at the drug business, and on dams and bridges on the Susquehanna and Baldeagle rivers, until he went West. There he was employed on the Santa Fe railroad, and was a practical miner of gold and silver in the mines of New Mexico, Arizona and California. Returning to Pennsylvania, he was married to Jennie W. Bell, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Adams) Bell, in 1891. In 1892 he engaged in the mercantile business at Jeannette, Pa., and in 1897 removed to Ford City and built the first business place in the new part of the town, there continuing in the mercantile business. He has been a member of the Ford City council since its organization, acting as president of that body for the past fifteen years and still holding that office. He is a director of the First National Bank of Ford City. Mr. Larkins was a delegate to the Republican State convention in 1909, and elected to the House of Representatives in November, 1910. Fraternally he is a life member of Philanthropy Lodge, No. 225, F. & A. M., of Greensburg, Pa.; Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M., of Kittanning, Pa.; Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; Pennsylvania Consistory, S. P. R. S., thirty-two, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Pittsburgh.

AMOS L. ZIMMERMAN, who has interests that identify him with the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, is a well-known resident of Apollo, Pa., to which place he came in 1882. He was born Feb. 22, 1838, in Allegheny township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., son of Daniel and Rebecca (Waugaman) Zimmerman.

Daniel Zimmerman was a man of sterling character and for many years was prominent in the affairs of his community. He was public-spirited and broad-minded, and few men did more in his day to advance the educational interests of his section. He was a school director for a protracted period and served also in the office of tax collector. As a farmer he gave much attention to the improvement of his cattle and stock, and at the time of his death, in 1876, owned about two hundred acres of fine farm land in Westmoreland county. He married Rebecca Waugaman, who died in 1886, and of their eleven children there are but two survivors, Amos L. and his oldest brother, Jacob, the latter a superannuated minister of the Lutheran Church and a resident of Westmoreland county.

Amos L. Zimmerman attended the public schools until he was fourteen years of age, and then enjoyed academic training for four years more, afterward remaining on the home farm until the outbreak of the Civil war. On June 8, 1861, he enlisted for service in Company G, 11th Pennsylvania R. C., and served for one and a half years, during this time experiencing many of the hardships incident to army life. His regiment was encamped near Washington, D. C., until after the first battle of Bull Run, when it was attached to General Meade's brigade and moved to the front, afterward narrowly escaping capture by the Confederates. Mr. Zimmerman was taken sick after this and was placed on a boat to be sent to a hospital at Point Lookout, Md., and after treatment there was discharged on account of disability, Dec. 25, 1862. He had done all that he could, performing cheerfully every duty assigned him as long as health permitted. After

recuperating he went to work in the oil fields at Oil City, Pa., and continued for three years, in 1867 becoming a contractor on the Valley railroad. In 1882 he came to Apollo and went to work in the iron mills, and after they were sold, in 1897, became manager of the rolling mills. After the big plant was moved to Vandergrift he became inspector of pays in 1902. He is still with the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company.

Mr. Zimmerman was married Sept. 17, 1863, at Pittsburgh, Pa., to Dessemiah Ashbaugh Ross, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Ross, and of their thirteen children seven survive, namely: Rebecca, born Dec. 6, 1865; Edwana, born July 2, 1873; Abbie, born Dec. 7, 1877; Grace, born Sept. 29, 1881; Ralph, born Nov. 14, 1883; and Paul and John, twins, born Oct. 18, 1886. Abbie, of the above family, married William M. Gracey, who served two years in the engineer corps in the United States service in the Philippine Islands. Miss Zimmerman joined him there and they were married in 1903, returning to the United States in 1906, just in time to reach San Francisco in its period of earthquake. Fortunately they escaped injury. Mr. Gracey was subsequently appointed by the Treasury department at Washington treasurer of one of the provinces in the islands. Mr. and Mrs. Gracey have made a recent visit to their relatives in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Zimmerman and family are members of the Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is associated with the Masons and the Elks and belongs also to the G. A. R.

ALBERT M. GOSSER, late of Leechburg, was one of the progressive citizens who contributed much to the upbuilding of that borough, where he passed practically all his life. The Gosser family has been settled there since 1840. Albert M. Gosser was born Jan. 14, 1834, at Adamsburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., son of William Gosser, and died March 29, 1913.

Adam Gosser, his grandfather, was born in Northampton county, Pa., whence he emigrated with his family to Westmoreland county at an early date. Later he removed to Erie, Pa., where he remained for a short time, removing from there to Pittsburgh and eventually returning to Adamsburg, where he had a contract for construction work on the Greensburg and Stoystown turnpike. He also followed farming, and he lived to good old age, dying at Adamsburg. Adam Gosser was twice married, and he was the father of the following children: Jacob, a soldier of the war of 1812, who died in Missouri; William; Daniel, who located at Baltimore; Henry, who went to Nebraska; Adam; Frederick, who died after reaching maturity; Ann Mary; Susanna, and Catherine.

John Gosser, brother of Adam, was a resident of Westmoreland county, Pa., dying near Adamsburg. He left a large family.

William Gosser, one of the sons of Adam Gosser, was born Nov. 11, 1803, in Northampton county, Pa., and was a boy when his father settled at Adamsburg. He learned the trade of blacksmith, which he first followed at Adamsburg, in 1840 removing thence to Leechburg, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he continued in the same line of work. He retired from active labor about eight years before his death, which occurred in 1888, when he was in his eighty-fifth year. Mr. Gosser became a well-known and much respected citizen of Leechburg, where he served as burgess and councilman, giving great satisfaction to his townsmen. He was a lifelong Democrat, and in religion a member of the Lutheran Church.

On Nov. 27, 1827, Mr. Gosser was married to Susanna Kistler, who was born July 4, 1808, and died Nov. 29, 1838, at Adamsburg. She was a member of the Lutheran Church. Five children were born to this union: Louisa, June 28, 1830; Daniel, Feb. 18, 1832; Albert M., Jan. 14, 1834; Adam, May 18, 1836; William, Oct. 10, 1838 (died Dec. 8, 1838). By his second marriage, to Lucy Punt, Mr. Gosser had the following children: Jacob, born Nov. 22, 1842; Commodore Perry, Feb. 2, 1845; David, Sept. 4, 1847; Darius, Dec. 29, 1849 (died Dec. 12, 1852); Franklin P., July 7, 1852 (died Oct. 9, 1860); Anna M., April 18, 1855; Sarah E., April 5, 1858; Harry, May 1, 1861; Amanda, Nov. 16, 1864.

Albert M. Gosser was only a child when the family came to Leechburg, and there he was reared, receiving his education in the common schools. When a young man he learned the trade of marble cutter at Greensburg with his cousin, Capt. Daniel Kistler, and he continued to follow that line of work for about ten years, establishing an extensive business, in Westmoreland, Armstrong and Indiana counties. As it did not agree with his health he gave it up and purchased a boat, the "Spartan," which he operated on the Allegheny river, he himself acting as captain. This was during the period of the early oil excitement in Venango county, and supplies sold at high prices, but the construction of the Allegheny Valley railroad destroyed the profitable riv-

er trade. Selling his boat in 1867, Mr. Gosser returned to Leechburg, and in company with his brother Daniel engaged in the general store business at Freeport. He soon bought his brother's interest and in 1868 established the business at Leechburg. In 1871 he sold his store and removed to Allegheny township, Westmoreland county, where in 1872 he erected a fine residence on a high plateau overlooking the Kiskiminetas valley and Pennsylvania railroad. In 1883 he again entered mercantile business at Leechburg, that year erecting his large three-story brick building on Market street, at Bridge alley. He carried a large and comprehensive stock, having a fine line of dress goods, clothing, shoes and carpets, and was considered the leading merchant of the borough until his retirement, in 1901. He was one of the best known business men in this district during his active career. Besides the store building mentioned Mr. Gosser erected what is known as the "Gosser Block House," a three-story and basement building constructed of cement blocks which is considered one of the most substantial structures in Leechburg. The blocks, which he made, were the first cement blocks manufactured in this vicinity, and he also designed the building, which was the first of this kind of construction in the locality. The store of J. J. Long and the Nickelodeon theatre are located in the building, and the rest of the space is used for residential purposes, it having been erected originally as an apartment house. It contains twenty-five rooms. Mr. Gosser erected twenty-five houses in all, at Leechburg and Gosser Hill. He long continued to make his home on the fine place on Gosser Hill previously mentioned, in 1904 building his late residence in Leechburg, on Main street.

Mr. Gosser was always public-spirited and active in movements affecting the general welfare, and though he did not seek office he was a candidate for the State Legislature in 1884, while a resident of Westmoreland county. It was mainly through his efforts that the bridge across the Kiskiminetas river, at Leechburg, connecting Armstrong and Westmoreland counties, was made free. Mr. Gosser did not think it was fair that the residents of Allegheny township, Westmoreland county, and Leechburg, Armstrong county, should pay toll on their own bridge when they were also paying taxes to maintain the bridges elsewhere in their counties, and after a long and persistent campaign succeeded in having the toll removed, in June, 1890.

In 1858 Mr. Gosser married Susan Hill, daughter of Israel Hill, of Armstrong county, who was a well-known salt manufacturer in this section. Four sons and four daughters were born to this union: Newton H., is engaged in business as a furniture dealer at Apollo, Armstrong county; Emma D. married Henry Kepple; D. Homer attended commercial college at Buffalo, N. Y., was engaged for a time as clerk in his father's store, and died in 1909 at Pittsburgh, Pa., aged forty-five years (he married Alberta Lindsay and they had four children, one son living, Harold); Franklin I. graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and is now engaged in practice as an attorney at Pittsburgh; Lidie K. married Albert Manning; Lottie E. married Lee Randel; Grace L. married Bert Stiveson; William A., who is living at Gosser Hill, having charge of his father's estate, married Bertha Vogel.

Mr. and Mrs. Gosser early joined the Lutheran Church, in the work of which he was very active, and served as superintendent of the Sunday school. In political sentiment he was a Democrat.

Mrs. Albert M. Gosser was born Sept. 30, 1839, at Hills Mill, in Allegheny township, Westmoreland county, Pa., of which township her parents, Israel and Catherine (Shaffer) Hill, were lifelong residents. Her grandfather, Squire John Hill, was a typical pioneer of the kind whose strength, energy and resources made possible the settling of his region. He was a descendant of Jacob Hill, the immigrant ancestor of the family in America, who came to this country at the time of the Palestine emigration in the early years of the eighteenth century. The history of the Hill family goes back to the time when they were Protestant refugees in Switzerland, probably French Huguenots. Later they had gone down the Rhine, making common cause with the French Huguenots, and after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685 they were in the Palatinate in the Hunricher mountain district and near Coblentz, where they were called Switzers. Tiring of the unsettled condition of the country resulting from religious wars and persecutions, they came as stated to America, where they are called Pennsylvania Dutch.

Jacob Hill, ancestor of Mrs. Gosser, settled in Maxatawny township, Berks county, and was one of the founders of the Moselem Stone Lutheran Church in that county. He had

three sons, Daniel, Frederick and John Jacob.

John Jacob Hill, the eldest son of Jacob, the emigrant ancestor, was born about 1716, and on July 3, 1739, married Maria Appolonia Merklin (or Merkle, as the name is now spelled). They settled in Windsor township, Berks county, and had a family of ten children, Anna Maria, Anna Catarine, John Christian, John Jacob, Magdalena, John, John Peter, John Jacob, John Frederick and John Casper. A remarkable thing is that the sons all have John prefixed to a second name except the one born June 20, 1751, who was simply named John. A number of these sons came West and probably some of them settled in Westmoreland county. One of them, it is not known which, as among so many Johns one may lose his identity in a century or more, was married to Magdalena Hower, and had three children, John, Jacob and Hannah. The father of this family was captured by a party of marauding Indians while returning home from a distance with a load of fruit trees he had procured for planting, and was taken with other captives to a point up the Allegheny river locally known as Hickory Flats. All that is known of his fate is from the traditional account of a Mrs. McVeigh, one of his neighbors, who was taken at the same time, and who by some means was enabled to return to the settlements. He was made to run the gauntlet, which he did successfully, and while he was standing by watching the fate of the others Mrs. McVeigh fell, and was being clubbed, when he ran through a second time, picked her up and carried her through, doubtless saving her life. She said that by such deeds of strength and daring he had gained some favor in the eyes of the Indians, had been allowed some freedom, and had been able to perfect a means of escape, having secured and concealed a canoe on the river bank. He intended to leave a certain night, and that day confided his plans to a fellow prisoner, a German, offering him the chance of escape, too. The German, to gain favor, revealed the plans to the Indians, who tied Hill securely to a tree, and left him to whatever form of death the wilderness might bring. He was tortured from time to time until he died, but at the risk of her life Mrs. McVeigh would take him water.

Squire John Hill, grandfather of Mrs. Gosser, was born Feb. 25, 1772, and was ten years old when his father was captured by the Indians. He died Jan. 8, 1848. Active and energetic throughout his long life, intelligent and farseeing, and with the disposition to advance the affairs of the community as well as the ability to make his own undertakings prosper, he was a man of notable worth in his day. He had various interests which brought him a good income for the time and were of value to the neighborhood, and there were few citizens of his time and place who did as much for the general welfare. His activities and generosity in behalf of school facilities, his services as justice of the peace, which office he continued to hold for a number of years, and his various business enterprises, especially "Hills Mill," brought him into contact with the majority of the residents of his section, and he was as well respected as known. However, he was the victim of a foreigner who thought he had a grievance against the Squire. This man, a Hungarian doctor named Shultz, had been called to treat the Squire's daughter Leah, who was an invalid. He fell in love with the girl and wanted to marry her, but she was indignant and alarmed at his proposal and complained to her father and brother. The Squire ordered the Doctor to cease his visits and attentions. This infuriated him so that he threatened to burn the barn and kill all the family then at home. In March, 1847, he made the attempt, but only succeeded in burning the barn and in blowing up the Squire's office, a small building in which two of the boys, Salem and Shiloh, slept. That night a neighbor boy was with them. The boys were awakened by the light of the burning barn, so they were up at the time of the explosion of the powder Shultz had placed in the building, through a broken window, for the purpose of killing them. The force of the explosion was such that the boys were thrown in different directions. The one end of the building and the door were blown out, but the boys were not seriously injured. Shultz, however, did not fare so well. He had been about to break into the house where the other members of the family were sleeping, but heard the boys getting up and fearing the powder would not do its work until the boys had left the building, he had gone back to the door, with a rifle, and a butcher knife, to meet the boys when they would open the door; he just got there in time to receive the full force of the door as it was blown outward by the explosion, and was so badly injured that he was disabled for a time, being thrown back against the garden wall, where some of the people discovered him. His face, too, was very much lacerated by the butcher knife, which he was holding between his teeth. By this time the inmates of the

house were aroused, and it was necessary for all to give their attention to saving the house, as the roof was already ignited by specks from the barn. The house was saved without being very much damaged. Salem was prevented forcibly from attacking Shultz, though when the latter cried for water no one would give him a drink until Mrs. Hill, the Squire's wife, said he should have it and went to the spring herself. The next day Shultz was taken to Kittanning, and lodged in jail. He had his trial at the June term of court, and was found guilty of arson, and sent for life to the penitentiary, where he died. The barn he attempted to destroy was the largest in Allegheny township, which then comprised what is now three townships, Gilpin, Parks and Bethel. At the time it was burned it contained one thousand bushels of wheat, besides other grain, farm implements and horses. Such a calamity was a heavy burden for a man already worn by many years of toil in a frontier life, and may have hastened his death.

Squire John Hill was twice married, first to Elizabeth Walt, a native of Westmoreland county, of German descent, who died Oct. 13, 1817, aged thirty-eight years. She was the mother of ten children: Mary (or Polly), who married Isaac Townsend; Elizabeth, who married Thomas Trees; John, who died unmarried; Jacob, who married Hannah Ulan, and died in Parks township, this county; Levi, who married Sophia Minion; Eli, born in 1807, who died in October, 1843, in Leechburg (he married Susan Ashbaugh, who died in March, 1878, aged about sixty-two years, and they had four children, John, Eveline, Mrs. Margaret Barr and Mrs. Priscilla Lytle); Daniel, who married Eliza Kuhns, and died in Leechburg; Hiram, born Dec. 17, 1812, who died in Gilpin township Jan. 16, 1891 (he married Margaret Shaffer and had, Elizabeth, Jefferson, Elisha, Francis and D. Marion); Israel, who died in Gilpin township; and Deborah, who died young. For his second wife the father married Susan Ammon, who lived to be over ninety-eight years old. The following children were born to this union: Esther, who married Rev. George Ehrenfeld, a Lutheran minister; Leah, who died unmarried; Noe, widow of James Weaver, residing in Gilpin township; John; Ammon, who married Catherine Shuster, and died in Freeport, Pa.; Shiloh, who was married twice, first to Helen Coulter and second to Emily Weaver, and is the father of John A., James R., Charles S., Fred E., Hattie and Laura; Philip, who died when fifteen years old; Seni, who died young; and Salem, who married Hettie Kuhns. (It would appear there was also a daughter Sarah, Mrs. Jonathan Waltz.) The brothers Eli, Levi and Jacob engaged in the manufacture of salt, drilling the third well in this section for the purpose. They drilled altogether about eight wells, becoming extensive manufacturers in their line. Eli, Levi, Daniel and Hiram also engaged in the mercantile business at Leechburg, being extensively interested in that line for about four years.

Israel Hill, son of Squire John Hill, was the father of Mrs. Gosser. He was born June 16, 1820, on the old Hill homestead in Gilpin township, and died there Jan. 28, 1878. He was a salt manufacturer and later a farmer. He married Catherine Shaffer, who was born Jan. 22, 1821, and died March 26, 1879, on the old home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Hill were members of the Hebron Lutheran Church. They had a family of seven children, two sons and five daughters, viz.: Elizabeth married John A. Patterson and both are deceased. Fannie married Andrew Sobers and both are deceased. Susan is the widow of Albert M. Gosser. Mahala married Henry Isensee and is living at Vandergraft. Emily married Milton Anderson and is deceased. B. Franklin died at Vandergrift, Pa., March 15, 1913. Israel died in infancy.

ISRAEL SHAFER, successfully engaged in the wholesale produce business and a man of high standing in Kittanning, was born May 1, 1845, in Red Bank township, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of Christian and Magdalena (Faringer) Shafer. His grandfather, Samuel Shafer, was a farmer and early settler of western Pennsylvania.

Christian Shafer, son of Samuel, was born in Northampton county, Pa., and located in Armstrong county in young manhood, becoming one of the prosperous farmers of his region. He and his wife had twelve children: Lewis, George, who died in infancy; John C.; Israel; Samuel; Levi, who died young; Susanna; Elizabeth; Mary, who died young; Catherine; Sarah, and Caroline. The father died in 1881, the mother surviving until 1893. They were consistent members of the Evangelical Church.

Israel Shafer was educated in the public schools of Red Bank township and the Dayton Academy. In 1864 he enlisted in Company G, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served capably until the close of the war. His two brothers, Lewis and John, were

also Union soldiers, both being in the same regiment as he. Returning to Armstrong county at the close of the war, Mr. Shafer entered the wholesale produce business at Pittsburgh, which line of endeavor has engaged his time and energy ever since. He has been very successful in his undertaking, and ranks among the prosperous business men of the county. In 1899 he was the Republican candidate for county treasurer, and was elected by a good majority, serving one term of three years in that office. On Sept. 30, 1911, he was nominated by his party as candidate for county commissioner, and was elected.

On Jan. 25, 1866, Mr. Shafer married Catherine Shick, daughter of John Shick, of Armstrong county. Mr. and Mrs. Shafer became the parents of nine children: Harvey G., Amos C., William Reed, Lillian (deceased), Nellie R. (wife of Dr. J. D. Sedwick, a dentist), Wallace H., and three who died in infancy, two daughters and one son. Mrs. Shafer died in 1890. The entire family early became members of the Evangelical church, to which Mr. Shafer is a liberal contributor.

WINCHESTER HILL, a farmer of Parks township, Armstrong county, was born at Leechburg, Pa., June 20, 1833, son of Jacob and Hannah (Ulam) Hill. His paternal grandfather was John Hill.

Jacob Hill, son of John Hill, and father of Winchester Hill, was born Aug. 15, 1802. At one time he was numbered among the early merchants of Leechburg, where he was also engaged in contracting to a considerable extent, building the old locks at that place, as well as other important construction work. He came to old Allegheny township, this county, now Parks township, in 1837, buying 300 acres of land two and a half miles east of Leechburg, on which he built the present house, and two years later the barn. Mr. Hill cleared the greater part of this property, and developed it into a valuable farm. During his residence in the township he became one of the most prominent men of his locality, serving as school director, supervisor and justice of the peace before he was sent to the State Assembly, upon two occasions, as the successful candidate on the Democratic ticket. During these pioneer days he rode from his farm to Greensburg on horseback, carrying his baggage with him. From Greensburg he took a stagecoach to Harrisburg, to enter upon his duties as member of the Legislature. A man of commanding presence, Mr. Hill weighed 180 pounds and was very strong physically as well as mentally. The Lutheran Church of Leechburg had in him a faithful member and liberal supporter. The death of this excellent man occurred July 25, 1876, when he was seventy-four years, one month, ten days old. His wife was born Nov. 4, 1804, and died Aug. 10, 1891, in her eighty-seventh year. These excellent people are buried in a private burial ground on the farm. Their children were: Lucinda C., born Nov. 19, 1824, married James Bratton Parks, and died Jan. 27, 1878, aged fifty-three years, two months, eight days; Elizabeth J., born Sept. 20, 1826, married Simon Truby; John W., born May 7, 1828, married Jane Bratton Parks, and died at Greenville, Mercer Co., Pa., leaving a family; Alvina, born Dec. 20, 1829, married Capt. Henry Truby, a brother of Simon Truby and died in Leechburg; Daniel U., born Nov. 25, 1831, married Kasiah Cochran and (second) Margaret Long, and died at Greensburg, being buried in the home cemetery on the farm; Winchester is mentioned below; Finley, born March 20, 1836, married Sarah Crosby, and died at the old homestead; Eliza A., born Feb. 2, 1838, married William Crosby, and they live in Parks township; Caroline M., born June 5, 1842, married David Kuhns, and lives at Pittsburgh.

Daniel Ulam, the maternal grandfather of Winchester Hill, was the father of the following children: Elizabeth, born Oct. 17, 1792; Catherine, Sept. 28, 1794; Jacob, April 25, 1797; Martha, June 16, 1800; Hannah, Nov. 4, 1804 (Mr. Hill's mother); Daniel June 4, 1807; Peter, Dec. 31, 1809; John, Dec. 31, 1812; Joseph, in 1815.

Winchester Hill was reared upon the old Hill farm, now his home, and attended the public schools of his district. He gained a practical working knowledge of farming with his father, and after the death of the latter took the homestead, owning a tract of 197 acres of fine land, well improved, on which he carries on general farming. There are two gas wells on the farm, and gas is used for all practicable purposes in the home.

On Dec. 29, 1859, Mr. Hill was married to Elizabeth Fitzgerald, daughter of James F. and Jane Maria (Parks) Fitzgerald. They have five children: William F., married to Flora E. Kipple, is assistant cashier of the Citizens' National Bank at Vandergrift, but lives at the Hill homestead, which he aids in cultivating (he has two children, Mabel E. and William Winchester); Mary A. is the widow of Robert Parks, and resides at Leech-

burg; Hannah Caroline married Harris B. Shaffer, who died in California, and she subsequently married (second) L. A. Pierce (they reside at Long Beach, Cal.); Ella J. married Dr. Janson Carson, lives in Indiana county, Pa., and has two children, Thomas and Elizabeth H.; Agnes M., married William F. Hill, a resident of Huntingdon, Pa., and they have two children, Wallace M. and Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill have traveled from coast to coast. In 1904 they made a trip to Long Beach, Cal., on a visit to their daughter. Mr. Hill is a Democrat, and for many years served as an overseer of the poor, proving a conscientious and efficient official. The First Lutheran Church of Leechburg holds his membership.

HARRY B. HENDERSON, now serving his fourth term as register and recorder of Armstrong county, a prominent member of the Republican party and a successful agriculturist, is a son of Brice and Martha Jane (Woodward) Henderson, the former a well-known citizen of Armstrong county in his day, the latter a member of a highly respected pioneer family of this region.

Brice Henderson was born in Indiana county, but passed the greater part of his life in Armstrong county, and was a prosperous farmer of Elderton. He served two terms as commissioner of Armstrong county. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Clark, had four children: William; Anna, who married Robert Walker; Jane, who married Dr. M. R. George; and Melissa, who married Ira J. Ray. His second marriage was to Martha Jane Woodward Donley, a native of Armstrong county, whose father, Robert Woodward, was a prominent farmer of the county and served three terms as associate judge; he was an influential man in his time and enjoyed high standing among his fellow citizens. To Brice and Martha Jane (Woodward) Henderson were also born five children: Robert A., deceased; Luna I., deceased; Frank B., deceased; Howard B., deceased; and Harry B., the only surviving member of the family. Brice Henderson died June 3, 1892; Martha Jane Woodward Henderson died March 17, 1902.

Harry B. Henderson was born Aug. 17, 1869, at Elderton, Armstrong county, and received his education in the public schools and the academy at Elderton, which latter institution he attended for three years. He then taught school for two years at Elderton, for another two years was bookkeeper for the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, of Ford City, this county, and then went West, teaching for two years in Kansas. Returning to Armstrong county he again became a teacher at Elderton, where he continued thus for three years, after which he followed farming for a time. Receiving the appointment of deputy prothonotary, he served in that position from 1900 to 1902, a period of three years, toward the close of which he was elected, on the Republican ticket, as register, recorder and clerk of the Orphans' court of Armstrong county. Harry B. Henderson is now serving his fourth term as register and recorder and clerk of Orphans' court of Armstrong county.

Mr. Henderson has been an active worker in the Republican party, and in 1905-06 was chairman of the county committee and member of the Republican State central committee.

On Nov. 20, 1912, he was married to Sally Campbell Findley, daughter of Abel C. and Mary E. Findley, and member of a respected and pioneer family of the county.

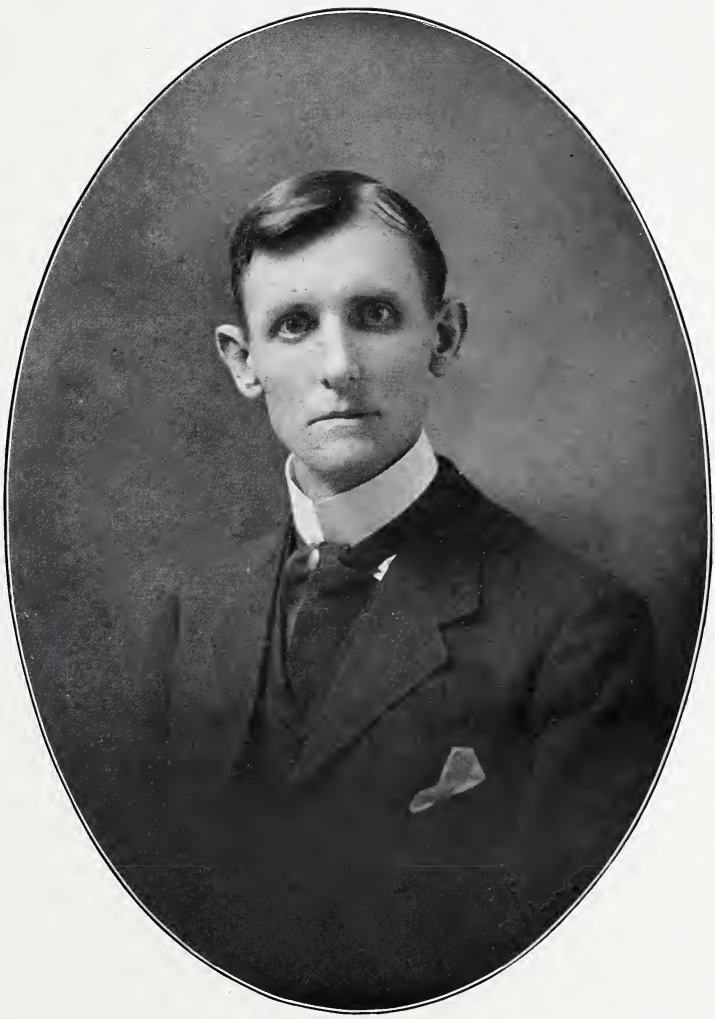
Mr. Henderson owns the old Brice Henderson farm in Plum Creek township, this county, which he has managed very successfully, taking an intelligent interest in agricultural operations, which he has found quite profitable. He belongs to the Red Men's lodge at Kittanning.

Frank B. Henderson, brother of Harry B. Henderson, was educated in the public schools and the academy at Elderton, and for ten years clerked in the store of R. A. Heilman, at Kittanning. He became deputy recorder of the county under his brother, serving in that position about seven years. A man of genial disposition, he had a large circle of friends, was widely acquainted throughout the county, and was exceedingly popular with his fellow citizens, his untimely death, which occurred Nov. 7, 1909, being mourned in many circles. His was the first death in the membership of the Kittanning Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and he was the first president of that organization, continuing to hold the office until he died. Mr. Henderson married Margaret Butler, and they had one son, Howard B., who is now a student at college.

SAMUEL CAMPBELL, a farmer of Rayburn township, living one and a half miles from Cowanshannock, was born Nov. 8, 1823, in Franklin township, this county, son of John and Catherine (Coldon) Campbell. The



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Campbell family is of Scotch descent, while the Coldons came from Ireland.

John Campbell was born Dec. 2, 1782, and died Jan. 31, 1851; while his wife, born in 1779, lived until 1863. In 1825 John Campbell and his wife, with their family, came to Rayburn township from their home in Franklin township, locating in the woods on the old Anderson Creek road, buying seventy-five acres. No improvements had been made on the property, but these brave pioneers went right to work and soon built a small log cabin, 14 by 20 feet in dimensions, with a log barn for their stock, from logs they felled to make place for these structures. They began farming with one horse, and a little later bought another. In time the father added land to his original holdings, and his wife and children helped him in tilling it, so that he had time to work on the river, thus earning some money for current expenses. The wolves, bears and other wild animals were plentiful, and their larder was kept filled with various kinds of game. The family had a dog which being half wolf was an effective defense against the wild beasts which prowled about the place. There was a large family, namely: Abbie, Nancy, William, Jane, John, Margaret, James, Mary Ann, Josiah, David and Samuel. David died before the removal to Rayburn township, and John and Jane died afterward.

John Campbell was a Democrat. His religious convictions made him a Baptist, and he helped to build the old Baptist church on Pine creek, now replaced by a better building. Although he had been given but a meager education, Mr. Campbell was always interested in securing good schools, and advocated them upon all occasions. After locating upon his property in Rayburn township he passed the rest of his life there, and he died in the rough log cabin his own hands had built. Its place is now taken by a more pretentious dwelling, put up by Samuel Campbell, who has improved the place in many other ways. An earnest, devout man, John Campbell had a good influence on the community where he spent so many years, and lived long enough to see his family grow to useful, honorable maturity.

Samuel Campbell, who has lived upon his present farm for eighty-nine years, having come here in 1825, in his second year, attended school in the neighborhood, and assisted his father while making the best of poor educational opportunities. Farming was then carried on under many disadvantages, for there was no nearer market than Pittsburgh, and everything had to be transported via the Allegheny river, Mr. Campbell keeping boats for that purpose.

In 1850 Mr. Campbell was married to Nancy Campbell, born July 27, 1827, daughter of James Campbell, her birth occurring in Buffalo township, near Worthington. She died in 1902, firm in the faith of the Baptist Church. They had the following children: Guy B., born in 1850, died in 1857; James K., born in March, 1852, is unmarried, and lives on the farm place; Margaret Jane, born July 3, 1854, is at home; Hannah Bell, born April 22, 1857, died in 1913; Nannie C., born Nov. 14, 1859, married in 1904; Robert McClelland, of Pittsburgh, who died in 1909, aged forty-six years, having been a carpenter and contractor, his widow now residing with her father at home; Mary B., born Jan. 28, 1863, married John P. Snyder, of Wampum, and died April 12, 1900, leaving six children, one having died; Anna B., born Aug. 17, 1867, died in October, 1900; Lemuel P., born May 19, 1872, was drowned while attending high school, July 8, 1889.

Mr. Campbell is a Democrat, and, like his father, a stanch Baptist. All his life he has been interested in advancing the educational standard of the district, and has held various school offices. During the eighty-nine years he has lived here he has never been off his farm a whole year. In spite of his age he is very active, and manages his property, directing all of the work and making arrangements for the planting of the various crops. In every respect he is a remarkable man, and all who know him revere him, for he has many characteristics which inspire respect.

EDWARD HILL, of Leechburg, Pa., was born in Allegheny township, Westmoreland county, April 19, 1861, and is a son of John Hill, who died Jan. 18, 1900, and is buried in the Evergreen cemetery, near that town.

Among the daring frontiersmen who settled southwestern Pennsylvania was the Hill family, who located near the site of Salem, in Westmoreland county. Here the father of the family was captured by Indians and carried to Hickory Flats, above Oil City, where he was tortured to death. He left three children, John, Jacob and Hannah.

John Hill, the eldest son, was born in 1772, and died Jan. 9, 1848. He erected a grist and saw mill on Beaver Run, the grist mill doing the grinding for the settlers within a radius of twenty miles, and during low water it was often run even on Sunday, to accommodate those who had camped with their grists to await their turns. Afterward he built grist-

mills on the Allegheny and Kiskiminetas rivers, and in 1812 he settled in Gilpin township, Armstrong county, where he planted a large apple orchard, one thousand trees. He was a successful farmer, and also manufactured wooden moldboard plows. He was appointed a commissioner to clear out the Kiskiminetas river. In religion he was a Lutheran, and he was an honest and upright citizen. His first wife, Elizabeth (Waltz), died Oct. 13, 1817, leaving ten children: Mary, Elizabeth, John, Jacob, Levi, Eli, Daniel, Hiram, Israel and Deborah. For his second wife he married Susan Ammon, who lived to the advanced age of ninety years, and to this union were born nine children: Hetty, Leah, John, Ammon, Charlotte, Philip, Sarah, Noah and Salem.

Eli Hill, son of John and Elizabeth (Waltz) Hill, became a prominent salt manufacturer, and was also engaged in the mercantile business at Leechburg for four years, with his brothers Levi, Daniel and Hiram. His wife, Susan (Ashbaugh), died in 1878, aged sixty-two years, and left four children: John, Eveline, Margaret (Mrs. Barr) and Priscilla (Mrs. Lytle).

John Hill, son of Eli Hill, was born Dec. 6, 1832, in Allegheny township, Westmoreland county, and received the educational advantages afforded in the district schools of the day. He learned the trade of carpenter and in time built up an extensive business as a contractor and builder. In 1872 he embarked in the lumber business at Leechburg, and in 1879 admitted his son Charles as a partner, the firm being known as John Hill & Son. Mr. Hill was one of the originators of the Leechburg Banking Company and served as a director until 1878, when he became cashier. Though he commenced life with no fortune but his own hands, energy and industry, he achieved honorable success and a competency. In politics he was a Republican, and he served as school director. On Jan. 8, 1857, he married Mary Jane McCauley, who was born April 20, 1833, daughter of Charles and Anna (Mears) McCauley, and two children were born to them, Charles A. (Dec. 8, 1857) and Edward.

Edward Hill became owner of the *Advance* in 1887 and conducted it with success until 1898, when he disposed of same. He entered the Leechburg Banking Company as cashier in 1900 and held the position until it ceased to exist, in 1908.

On March 13, 1894, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Emma J., daughter of Milton and Catherine (McKinstry) Bash, and they have had the following children: John M., Charles L., Mary Catherine, Mildred M., Esther and Edma G. Mr. Hill and his wife are members of the Hebron Lutheran Church. He is a Republican and is a member of the I. O. O. F., Royal Arcanum and Masonic fraternities.

JOHN T. DEEMAR, M. D., for thirty-five years a physician of Armstrong county, and one who has attained eminence in his profession, was born in the county April 13, 1854, son of Isaac and Margaret Deemar. He belongs to old Westmoreland county stock distinguished for patriotism and high Christian principles.

The Doctor is descended from French Huguenots who fled from their early home in France after the Edict of Nantes, taking refuge in Alsace-Lorraine (now part of Germany), and John Deemar, great-grandfather of Dr. Deemar, was of Alsatian extraction. He first settled in Philadelphia, and later lived in Westmoreland county, Pa. He was a soldier in the French and Indian war, 1755-1763, going on the expedition to Quebec, Canada, and taking part in the battle of Quebec, and subsequently served as a soldier in the Revolution.

Philip Deemar, son of John, above, was a farmer and stock raiser in Armstrong county, especially well known in the latter connection, for he was one of the pioneers to engage in the raising of fine stock here. He introduced a fine grade of horses and cattle into the county. His wife, whose maiden name was Miller, was a daughter of a Revolutionary soldier who served from Westmoreland county. Three of Philip Deemar's sons were soldiers during the Civil war, among them being James K. Deemar, a sharpshooter, who was badly wounded in the battle of Cedar Creek in 1864.

Isaac Deemar, son of Philip, was born in Indiana county, and when a small child removed with his parents to Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, where he followed farming all his days, dying here in 1901, aged seventy-five years.

John T. Deemar was the only child of his parents, and his mother dying when he was but seven months old he was reared in the family of his father's uncle, Alexander Y. Black, a Scotchman, a strict Covenanter, and a man of excellent judgment and sterling moral character. He belonged to an old Pennsylvania family of fine standing. To his example and influence Dr. Deemar feels indebted for the development of his best qualities. He attended



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public school and Elderton Academy, subsequently reading medicine with Dr. John M. St. Clair, now of Indiana, Pa., under whose guidance he learned the compounding of medicines, visited patients, and became familiar with the physician's routine. He attended lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1879, after preparation under such noted instructors as Samuel D. Gross, J. M. Da Costa, Joseph Pancoast, James A. Meigs, J. B. Biddle, Elerslie, Wallace, R. E. Rogers, etc. He began his professional career associated with Dr. Thomas C. Lawson, now of Brookville, Pa., but within a short time settled in Manor township, Armstrong county, where he has since resided. For thirty-five years he has been in active practice, and there are few physicians who have practiced longer in Armstrong county. Few doctors in this region are better or more favorably known that he is, and he has a wide circle of warm personal friends among his patients. He is a member of the Armstrong county and Pennsylvania State Medical Societies, and of the American Medical Association, and was a delegate to the fiftieth annual meeting of the American Medical Association in Philadelphia in 1897. Dr. Deemar has often served as a delegate to the State Medical Society meetings, and has been president of the Armstrong County Medical Society—honors which best show his reputation among members of the profession. In politics he is a Republican, and has always taken an active interest in behalf of his party, serving several times as delegate to the State conventions. He was a delegate to the National presidential convention at Chicago, in 1908, he and Hon. Edward Carmalt representing the Thirty-seventh Congressional district of Pennsylvania. Fraternally he belongs to Blue Lodge No. 244, F. & A. M., and Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M., both of Kittanning, and Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, K. T. Dr. Deemar was one of the fact witnesses in the celebrated Thaw trial which took place in New York City in 1907.

In 1874 Dr. Deemar was maried to Julia A. Moore, daughter of James and Martha (Sloan) Moore, of Whitesburg, Armstrong Co., Pa., and a descendant of old Scotch-Irish pioneer and Revolutionary stock of Westmoreland county. They have had four children: Janet M., wife of John R. Long; Robert Sloan; Dr. Roscoe P., who read two years at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and later entered Maryland Medical College, from which institution he graduated in 1905 (he began practice in 1907); and Dr. William R., a graduate of the Atlanta School of Medicine and the Medical College of Philadelphia, now in active practice at Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

Dr. John T. Deemar is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, in which he reared his children, and he has served on the official board for a number of years.

Among the prominent pioneer families of Westmoreland, York and other Pennsylvania counties with which the Deemars intermarried were the Rohrers, of Armstrong county, connected by marriage with the Deemars in the early days of this section. They are descended from Frederick Rohrer, at one time keeper of a celebrated inn at Hagerstown, Md. He was a Huguenot, a native of France, born July 28, 1742, and came to America during the war between France and Great Britain (1754-1763). In 1766 he married Catherine Deemar, in York county, Pa., and shortly afterward moved to Hagerstown, Md. In that year he first visited the "western country," as it was then called, going as far as Pittsburgh, composed at that time of a few Indian huts. With him he brought a number of cattle which he exchanged to Gen. Arthur St. Clair for a tract of land in the Ligonier valley. However, his family remained at Hagerstown. In 1767 he carried the first wheat over the mountains ever brought into the "western country," planting it with other grain on his farm in the valley, and making other preparations for his family, which he removed hither in the fall. He took out a warrant for all that valuable tract of land on the Conemaugh river where it was found profitable to make salt, and was the discoverer of the valuable saline springs. He boiled the first salt made there in an earthen pot, and traded it to the Indians, who were then practically the only inhabitants of Westmoreland county. In 1771 he returned to Hagerstown with his family, finding life among the Indians intolerable, but they came back in 1793, settling at Greensburg, where Mr. Rohrer continued to reside until his death, in 1834. Mr. Rohrer was a prominent man in this region in his day. Some years after he returned to Westmoreland county he was appointed a justice of the peace by Governor McKean, filling the office continuously until a short time before his decease. He was laid to rest in the German burying ground, on the Tuesday following his death, and an unsually large number of citizens attended the funeral. Mr. Rohrer had nine children, forty-two grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren.

SAMUEL FULLERTON, in his day one of the most progressive business men of Freeport, Armstrong county, was a native of Ireland, born in 1813 at Ballyclare, County Antrim, son of John Fullerton, of the same place.

John Fullerton married Mary Biggs, also of Ballyclare, and they came to America in 1818, locating first in Philadelphia, Pa., and later at Pittsburgh, Pa. In 1820 they came to Freeport, Armstrong county, Pa., where John Fullerton was one of the first doctors, as well as one of the first merchants, and he became well known and esteemed there, though he did not live many years after coming to the place, dying in 1830. His widow died at Butler, Pa., with her son Hugh, Jan. 3, 1880. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of four sons and one daughter, namely: (1) Samuel is mentioned below. (2) William P. lived and died at Freeport, and his wife Jane (Griffith) is also deceased. They were married in December, 1854, and had two children: Mary E., who married E. P. Johnson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Hans, who is in the government service at Allegheny, Pa. (3) Hugh, born in 1822 in Freeport, had a woolen mill in Butler, Pa. He married Margaret Bonney about 1851-52, and his second wife was Jane Green. He had two children, James and Emma, both now deceased. (4) Mary married John W. Ridpath, a merchant at Freeport, Pa., and both are deceased. They had two children, Ida and Ellen. (5) James B., now deceased, was an attorney at Kittanning, Pa. About 1858 he married Samantha Ralston, and they had four children, three of whom are living: Hugh, who is living at Pittsburgh, Pa.; Katherine; and Dorwin P., who is in the electrical business in California.

Samuel Fullerton had little chance to go to school, as he was only twelve years old when his father died. He went to work to learn cabinetmaking with James Milligan, and later went to Pittsburgh and found employment on steamboats. Then for some time he was engaged at cabinetmaking and the carpenter's trade at Freeport and Leechburg, during this period building the old "Leechburg House." He and his brother William P. Fullerton were the most progressive men in Freeport. They were carpenters and contractors, and in 1840 established the woolen mills at Freeport known as the Hope Woolen Mill, which they operated together until 1861, when William P. Fullerton died. The establishment was burned out in 1864, and rebuilt. After Samuel Fullerton's death, which occurred Dec. 21, 1865, the firm became known as M. B. & J. H. Fullerton, the widows carrying on the business from 1865 to 1881. The sons then ran it for a while, eventually selling to Boggs & Buhl. Mr. Fullerton and his brothers were also in the oil business in Venango county in the early days. They were self-made by hard work and intelligent application of their efforts making their way to a substantial position among the men of their time in Freeport, and holding the respect and confidence of the best element in the borough. They were Republicans in politics, but took no active part in such matters, never caring for office.

On March 16, 1854, Mr. Fullerton married Margaret B. Bright, who was born March 8, 1832, at Oakmont, Pa., daughter of Peter and Margaret V. (Parsell) Bright of Allegheny county, Pa., and granddaughter of Michael Bright, Sr.

Michael Bright, Sr., was born Sept. 10, 1762, in Lancaster county, Pa., and in the year 1814 located in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, on what was then known as Coal Hill. There he lived two years, at the end of that time moving twelve miles up the Allegheny river, where he purchased a tract of land comprising about three hundred acres, running back from the river three quarters of a mile. There were no improvements thereon at the time of his arrival except a log house. Mr. Bright at once built a new and comfortable log house, and afterward the small brick residence in which he lived until his death. This little brick house is still standing and in good repair. He married Barbara Winters, of Lancaster county, Pa., and the following children were born to them: John, Jacob, Catherine, Margaret, Michael, Jr., Henry, Sarah Elizabeth, Barbara, George, David, Samuel, William, Mary, Peter and Adam. Mrs. Bright died Aug. 28, 1823, and for his second wife Mr. Bright married Mrs. Margaret Beamer. He died in March, 1847. In religious profession they were Lutherans. At the death of his father Peter took the farm.

Peter Bright, born in Lancaster county, Pa., Jan. 6, 1805, died Nov. 19, 1858. By trade he was a potter, having served his apprenticeship in Greensburg, Pa., but he made farming his business after the death of his father. He always took an active part in township affairs, was a member of the school board, and held other offices in the township. He gave the lot on which the United Presbyterian church was built. He erected a fine residence on the bank of the river in which his daughters now reside. By his marriage to

Margaret V. Parsell, of Plum township, Allegheny county, were born eleven children as follows: Harriet, Mrs. McNickle, deceased; Margaret B., Mrs. Samuel Fullerton; Adam, who married Elizabeth Hilton, and died at Andersonville, Ga., in 1863, at which time he had been serving two years in the Union army; Charles R., who enlisted in the Union army in October, 1861, passed through the battle of Gettysburg, and was killed July 10, 1863, near Boonesboro, Md.; Sarah B., who married James Remaley, of Springdale, Pa., and has children, Charles, Stella, Roy, Margaret and Jay; Michael, who died in infancy; Salinda, Mrs. William Anderson, deceased; Peter Winters, who died in March, 1868; Rachel R., deceased; Eliza A. and Mary J., who are unmarried and live at the old home. The mother of this family died July 2, 1872; she was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fullerton were born five children, and four survive, all of whom were educated at the home schools: (1) John F., who is engaged in business as a merchant at Freeport, married Ann Gregg and has two children, Rachel and Samuel. (2) Peter B. is a painter and paper hanger at Freeport. He married and has one daughter, Margaret. (3) Joseph M., who is unmarried, is engaged as a carpenter and painter at Freeport. (4) William P., of Freeport, a painter and contractor, married Minnie Iseman.

BENJAMIN OSWALD, of Ford City, Armstrong county, clerk to the county commissioners, and present burgess of his town, was born in 1842 in Kittanning.

Benjamin Oswald, son of Benjamin and Sarah A. (Brinham) Oswald, was educated in the public schools of Kittanning. At an early age he began work in his father's printing office there, his brothers Marshall B. and J. B. Oswald also engaging in the printing business at the same plant. Thus he was employed for several years. In 1861 he joined the Union army, enlisting in Company K, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and during his three years' service was fortunate enough to escape being injured or captured. At the time of his discharge, in 1864, he was holding the office of sergeant. Returning to Kittanning, he resumed the printing business. In 1888 he removed to Ford City, which at that time was a hamlet containing only a few houses, and here for a time was in the employ of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, with which concern he remained for about five years. At the end of that period he was appointed clerk to the county commissioners, and he has held that position continuously up to the present —a service of eighteen years. In 1909 he was honored by his fellow citizens with election to the office of burgess of Ford City, and has since served in that capacity. He is a stanch Republican in political connection. Needless to say he is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his community, where he has proved his usefulness in every position in which he has been placed. He is a member of the G. A. R. and of the M. E. Church.

In 1870 Mr. Oswald married Delilah A. Sheldrake, daughter of Joshua Sheldrake, of Beaver, Pennsylvania.

FRANK TRUXELL, shoe merchant, engaged in business at Leechburg, Pa., was born in Hemphill township, Westmoreland county, Pa., Feb. 1, 1856, son of Lewis Truxell and grandson of Henry Truxell.

(I) Henry Truxell was of German parentage but possibly was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and spent his life on his farm near Greensburg, where he died at the age of eighty-seven years. He married a member of the Hones family, and they had the following children: John, George, William, Lewis and Cyrus, sons; Catherine, who married Samuel Trout; Nancy, who married H. H. Byers; Susan, who married John Hough; Harriet, who moved to the West after marriage; and Margaret, who married Edward Stomer.

Lewis Truxell, father of Frank Truxell, was born in 1832, on his father's farm in Westmoreland county. He became a farmer and remained on the homestead until 1870, when he embarked in a general store business at Painterville, moving from there in 1872 to Scottdale, a village situated about eighteen miles southwest of Greensburg, where he continues in business and is a representative citizen. He married Margaret Beesom, daughter of Albert Beesom, and she died April 13, 1909, aged eighty-one years, and was buried at Scottdale. Lewis Truxell and wife were among the early members and organizers of the U. B. Church at Scottdale. Their family consisted of five children, namely: William, who died in 1890; Frank; Isaac, who resides at Canton, Ohio; Israel, who died in August, 1905; and Marion, who resides in Scottdale, Pennsylvania.

Frank Truxell attended the township schools and later a normal school in the town of Madison, after which he accepted a position as clerk in a general store. When six-

teen years old he went to work in a rolling mill at Scottdale, where he remained for several years, and then found employment at Pittsburgh until 1882, after which he was in West Virginia until 1886, when he came to Leechburg. For several years he was in business at different points, including Canal Dover and Martin's Ferry, Ohio, and finally returned to Leechburg. He was one of the organizers and a director of the Hyde Park Rolling Mill, at Hyde Park, Pa., and was connected with that plant from 1893 until 1898, when he sold his stock. In 1900 this independent mill was absorbed by the trust. For many years Mr. Truxell was known as a skilled sheet roller. In 1900 he established his present business on Market street, Leechburg, carrying the largest and most complete line of shoes in the place.

On Nov. 24, 1886, Mr. Truxell was married to Emma E. Cline, of Leechburg, and they have had five children, namely: Albert L., Lloyd H., Anna Mae, Alice Maria and Charles S., all of whom survive except Lloyd H. Mr. Truxell is a member of the Hebron Lutheran Church and is secretary of the Sunday school. Politically he is a Republican. For thirty-five years he has been identified with the Knights of Pythias, and belongs also to Leechburg Lodge, No. 577, F. & A. M.

WILLIAM HOWARD McCAFFERTY, M. D., Freeport, Pa., was born July 22, 1859, in South Buffalo township, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of Charles and Nancy (Kiskaddon) McCafferty.

James McCafferty, his grandfather, was born in Ireland, and coming to America at an early day located in Pennsylvania, moving from his first home into Butler county, where he lived the remainder of his life.

Charles McCafferty was born in 1825 and died in 1888. He came from Butler to Armstrong county in 1854 and purchased land in South Buffalo township, following agricultural work for a number of years. In local matters he was concerned at all times as became a good citizen and for a number of years served as a member of the township school board. He married Nancy Kiskaddon, and they had eight daughters and one son born to them, the son and two of the daughters still surviving. Charles McCafferty and wife were members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he was an elder, and he was a member of the General Assembly of that church in 1879, at Madison, Wisconsin.

William H. McCafferty attended the public schools until his eighteenth year and afterward, for two years, was a student at Elders Ridge Academy, going from there to Wooster (Ohio) University. On account of failing health, after two years there, he returned to the home farm in the hope that the outdoor life of an agriculturist would restore him to a normal state of health, and he was not disappointed. On Dec. 31, 1885, he was married, at Worthington, Pa., to Maggie Clark, who died Sept. 13, 1886, in Nebraska, after which he returned to Armstrong county. In 1887 he entered Western Reserve College, at Cleveland, Ohio, and later became a student in the Western Pennsylvania Medical College, now known as the Medical University of Pennsylvania. He was graduated in the class of 1889 with his degree of M. D., locating immediately in Butler county, where he practiced until 1892, the year of his removal to Freeport. Here Dr. McCafferty has built up a large and substantial practice and is a valued, interested and useful citizen in every respect. He is a member of the Armstrong County Medical Society and the Pennsylvania State Medical Society.

In 1895 Dr. McCafferty was married (second) to Mary McKay, a daughter of Alexander McKay, who was born in Ireland. To Dr. and Mrs. McCafferty eight children have been born, six of whom survive, namely: Charles H., who was born Nov. 20, 1895; William Howard, July 2, 1897; Sarah Lyle, July 6, 1899; Mary Belle, April 12, 1905; John Sidney, Jan. 29, 1909; and Robert K., Aug. 4, 1910. Dr. and Mrs. McCafferty are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an elder for eighteen years. He is identified with the Prohibition party.

WILLIAM H. SMITH, for many years closely identified with various branches of the oil industry in Armstrong county, is one of the representative business men of Kittanning. He was born Nov. 25, 1864, in Perry township, this county, son of Jacob and Esther Jane (George) Smith, and grandson of Henry Smith. Henry Smith during his latter years was engaged in boatbuilding.

Jacob Smith was a carpenter and river pilot, serving in the latter capacity for many years, piloting lumber rafts down the Allegheny river. Eleven children were born to him and his wife: Ida May; Lewis; Samuel A.; Anna, wife of Curtin McCullough; Charles E.; Emma, wife of Harry McMurtry; Maud, wife of Thomas Reichart; George E.; Harry; Alta, wife of Rev. Earl Thompson,

a Methodist minister, and William H. The father of this family died in 1901. Several years prior to his death he joined the Methodist Church, and he served on its official board.

William H. Smith attended school in Clarion county, Pa., and when fourteen years old began working as a section hand on the railroad, thus continuing until seventeen years old. He then went to the oil fields of Warren, Pa., and worked as rig builder for two years, after which he became a tool dresser. Continuing as such for three years, he next began drilling wells, and gained so valuable an experience that in 1901 he began contracting and drilling, in partnership with other experts in this line of business. Mr. Smith has been unusually successful, and has accumulated a handsome competence. At present he is in partnership with W. A. Louden. In conjunction with their oil drilling business the firm handle all kinds of repair wares and the equipments and tools required in this work, operating a first-class machine shop. Since 1901, Mr. Smith has drilled about one hundred and fifty wells, and owns an interest in twenty-one producing wells. He is an expert, understanding thoroughly every branch of his business, and has well earned his success.

In August, 1890, Mr. Smith married Melissa Fair, daughter of John Fair, of Clarion county, Pa. Six children have been born of this marriage: Charles R., Ida L., Esther L., Gladys (deceased), Arnold F. and Wilda B. Mr. Smith is a member of the Order of American Mechanics, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Order of Unity.

OREN C. CAMPBELL, M. D., of Ford City, Armstrong county, was born Jan. 11, 1878, at Hooker, Butler county, Pa., son of James I. and Sarah (Whitmire) Campbell, and grandson of John A. Campbell. The latter was a farmer in Butler county, Pa. He married a Miss Fulton.

James I. Campbell, the father of Dr. Campbell, was also a farmer, and besides looking after his agricultural work was interested in the oil and real estate business.

Oren C. Campbell attended the public school in his home district, and also Washington Academy, subsequently entering the Slippery Rock State Normal School, whence he was graduated in 1898. For the following two years he taught school, until he became a student at the Medico-Chirurgical College, of Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1904. For a short time thereafter Dr. Campbell remained as resident physician at the Medico-Chirurgical hospital, in 1905 locating at Ford City, Pa., where he has since resided and built up a good practice. He is a member of the Armstrong County Medical Society, the local Kittanning Society and the Pennsylvania State Medical Society. Fraternally he is a member of the B. P. O. Elks, Knights of Malta, F. O. E., I. O. H. and I. O. of P.

In 1904 Dr. Campbell was married to Mary Stewart, daughter of Rev. Thomas Dixon Stewart, of Mercer county, Pa., and they have one child, Elizabeth Lucile. Dr. Campbell belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

JEFFERSON REYNOLDS LEASON (deceased) was one of the younger members of the Armstrong county bar and a progressive citizen of Kittanning, in which borough he was born Aug. 11, 1883, son of Mirven F. and Hannah (Reynolds) Leason.

Robert Leason, his great-grandfather, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

Rev. Thomas Leason, his son, grandfather of Jefferson R. Leason, was a Presbyterian minister, for many years stationed at Armstrong county. At one time he was in charge of the Presbyterian Church at Leechburg, Pa. His death occurred in 1891, and his remains are interred at Brookville, Pa.; his wife passed away in 1889. They had the following children: Mirven F., Elisha, Eliza, and several who died in infancy.

Mirven F. Leason, son of Rev. Thomas, and father of Jefferson R., was born in Jefferson county, Pa., and educated at Princeton College, New Jersey. He was admitted to the bar of Armstrong county in 1879, having been admitted previously to that of Jefferson county. Until his death, which occurred May 29, 1909, he continued in active practice. During 1881 and 1882 he was district attorney of Armstrong county, and was placed on the Republican ticket for judge. A man of unswerving principles, he fearlessly did what he believed to be his duty, and being unusually intelligent and well read was a power in his community. Five children were born to himself and wife: Mary L., wife of H. W. Bovard; Jefferson R.; Helen R.; Judith D., and Myrvinne. Mrs. Leason died May 2, 1901, firm in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, to which she and her husband belonged. Mr. Leason was a Knight Templar Mason, and a member of the order of Elks. The father of

Mrs. Leason, Jefferson Reynolds, was a member of an old and prominent family of Armstrong county, where he was born and reared, later becoming a lawyer of distinction, so that Jefferson R. Leason, his namesake, came very naturally by his legal ability, inheriting it from both sides of the house.

Jefferson R. Leason attended the public schools of Kittanning, and the Andover Preparatory School (Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass.), and entered Pennsylvania State College for a two-years course. Following this he read law with his father, and was admitted to the Armstrong county bar in 1907. In 1909 Mr. Leason was elected district attorney for his county on the Republican ticket, and followed his father's footsteps in proving himself a fearless official. This office has also been filled by Mr. Reynolds, his maternal grandfather and Mr. Mirven F. Leason, his father. He was a member of the Order of Elks, belonging to Kittanning lodge. Mr. Leason died suddenly in Pittsburgh, Pa., of heart failure, April 13, 1913, and was buried at Kittanning.

In November, 1909, Mr. Leason married Margaret Buffington, daughter of Orr Buffington, an attorney of Kittanning, and one of the city's eminent men. She survives him with one son, born July 8, 1911, who bears his father's name, Jefferson Reynolds.

JOHN A. HALL, a lifelong resident of Armstrong county, was for many years a farmer in North Buffalo township, recently removing to West Franklin township, where he makes his home wth his daughter, Mrs. Harry W. Noble. Mr. Hall was born June 30, 1832, in what is now North Buffalo township, son of David and Margaret (Hindman) Hall, and grandson of David Hall.

David Hall, the grandfather, came to North Buffalo township, Armstrong county, Pa., in 1796, and purchased a large tract of land, engaging in farming, land jobbing and trading with the Indians. He became a man of prominence and high standing in the community in which he settled. His wife's maiden name was Jackson, and they had a family of nine children, namely: John, David, James, Jackson, Robert, Jane (who married Barnard Stillwell), Peggy (who married Philo Atwood), Nancy (who married John Hindman) and Sarah (who married James McCormick).

David Hall, Jr., was born before his parents' removal to North Buffalo township, in 1792, in eastern Pennsylvania, and was but a young child when the family came to this section, in 1796. He grew to manhood at the place where they settled in Armstrong county, west of the Allegheny river, and when he reached maturity engaged in farming on his own account, prospering to such an extent that he became the owner of 250 acres, which farm he cleared and improved himself. He was also engaged in milling for a few years. Late in life he removed to South Buffalo township, where he died May 18, 1884, in his ninety-third year. He married Margaret Hindman, of Franklin township, whose parents, James and Mary (McClelland) Hindman, natives of Ireland, settled in what is now West Franklin township in 1792. Mr. and Mrs. David Hall had six children: Mary, who married William B. Morrison; Jane J., who married John Boyd; James; Margaret; Rev. David, D. D., and John A.

John A. Hall was reared at the old homestead, part of which afterward came into his ownership. He received the best advantages afforded by the public schools of the locality, and has always been a reading man, keeping himself well informed upon current events and progress in the lines in which he is interested. Until his retirement from active life he followed farming and threshing, and he became known as one of the most intelligent and progressive men engaged in such work in North Buffalo township, his farm of 135 acres showing the results of modern methods of farming and thorough management. He continued to reside upon the old homestead until 1910, in which year he removed to West Franklin township to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Harry W. Noble.

Mr. Hall has always been interested in the public welfare, and though a Democrat on purely political questions he has long been identified with the Prohibitionists, so much so that in 1890 he was the candidate on the Prohibition ticket for county treasurer, an honor which came to him entirely unsolicited. He is a man who has always commanded the respect of all who have had dealings with him in any of the relations of life.

On April 26, 1855, Mr. Hall was married to Agnes Manso, daughter of Dr. Edward and Margaret (Fleming) Manso, of North Buffalo township. Her father was an early homeopathic physician, having studied under Hahnemann, the founder of homeopathy, in Germany. Mrs. Agnes Hall died in 1862, the mother of three children: Margaret, Ella who married Frank E. Hine, of Tallmadge, Summit county, Ohio, and after his death married C. C. Conaghan, also of Tallmadge;

Anna Belle, deceased; and Warren C., who is now engaged in farming in Venango county, Pa. Mr. Hall's second marriage was to Ann M. Ralston, a native of South Buffalo township, daughter of David and Rebecca (Law) Ralston, of that township. Four children were born to this union, three of whom survive: William Edwin, a licensed evangelist of the Presbyterian Church, now a teacher in Marysville College, Marysville, Tenn.; Howard, who resides on the homestead in North Buffalo township; and Flora R., wife of Harry W. Noble, of West Franklin township.

Mr. Hall has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for the long period of sixty years, and served many years as elder of the church at Worthington.

NER M. TRUITT, a farmer of Madison township, Armstrong county, is a son of George W. and Nancy (Courson) Truitt, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania.

Anderson Truitt, his great-grandfather, married Sally Mathus somewhere in Europe. They came to America shortly before 1812, settling first on the New Jersey shore. A little later they moved to the Cumberland valley, and from there to west of the mountains in 1806-07, making a location on Crooked creek. Not long afterward Mr. Truitt and several neighbors built a boat and went to Cincinnati, his son Thomas remaining on Crooked Creek. Anderson Truitt served in the United States troops in the war of 1812, and was stationed at Buffalo at the time the war closed. He and his wife were both of Scottish and Low Dutch descent. To them were born five children: Thomas, James, Betsey, Polly and Sarah. James married and settled in Illinois. Betsey married and had one daughter, Fannie. Polly, Mrs. Black, had two daughters, and lived somewhere along the Ohio river. Sarah married a Mr. Eastburn and moved to Michigan.

Thomas Truitt, son of Anderson, was born in 1794, and as above stated remained on Crooked creek when his father went to Cincinnati, and there married Lydia Williams in 1813. In 1829 he moved to the Kiskiminetas, some five miles below Saltsburg, and from there in 1834 to Freeport. Thence he moved to the old homestead in what was then Red Bank (now Madison) township, about 1835, locating on the farm now owned and occupied by Miles W. Hetrick. With the aid of his sons he cleared and improved a part of this tract, and here his death occurred. Of the family of eight children born to himself and wife, Anderson married Sarah Caldwell and had nine children; Elizabeth (Betsy) married George L. Hetrick and had eight children; George W. is mentioned below; Thomas married Margaret Bish, but had no children; David J. married Betsey Courson and had ten children; Mary M. (Polly) married Michael Buzzard and had seven children; James A. married Sarah Meredith and had six children; William W. married Hannah Kelley and had eight children. Mrs. Polly Buzzard, the only survivor of this family, now in her ninetieth year, lives at Chicago.

George W. Truitt, father of Ner M., settled on the farm of 140 acres now owned by his son, Ner, in 1848. He cleared and worked most of it and resided there all his life. His wife Nancy was the daughter of William Courson, a pioneer of Clarion county, and by her he had three children: Seth C., who is residing in Clarion county; Alcinus G., deceased; and Ner M. William Courson was also a soldier in the war of 1812.

Ner M. Truitt was born in Madison township Aug. 15, 1846, and was brought up on the homestead farm, which since 1802 has been his own. He has since added to it by purchase until it consists now of about 320 acres, more or less, and he has improved it by building a new house, barns, etc., until his place is one of the best in the township. Mr. Truitt also has an interest in the estate of his uncle, Thomas Truitt, Jr.

Mr. Truitt married in 1867 Margaret J., daughter of Michael and Barbara (McKinney) Spangler, of Kellersburg, and they have had six children: Alberta B., wife of James Chestnut; Ira E.; George M., deceased; Thomas T., married to Dessie Slagle; Charles C., married to Dora Rhodes; and Morna B. Mr. Truitt has held various local offices in Madison township, and is most public-spirited, being ever ready to do his share toward promoting the welfare of his community. He is a strong Republican in his political views, and is most popular in his township.

JACOB LONG, retired merchant, is now principally occupied in bee raising, and also has other interests in Armstrong county; he has lived in Red Bank township since he was ten years old. Mr. Long was born May 3, 1839, in Westmoreland county, Pa., son of Jacob and Sarah (Huffman) Long.

Jacob Long, his father, was born probably in Northumberland county, Pa., in 1796, and died in Armstrong county in 1867, at the age of seventy-one years. He was a weaver

by trade. When he came to Westmoreland county he bought three acres of land, which he put under cultivation, but continued to work at his trade. In 1848 he left Westmoreland county and came to Armstrong county, settling in Red Bank township, where he purchased a tract of eighty-five acres, which, at the present time, is occupied by G. W. Hankey. He erected a weaving shop on his land and part of his crop was flax, which his sons assisted him to prepare for weaving. He married Sarah Huffman (her mother's maiden name was Good), and they had the following children: Emily, who married Peter Brant-hoover (both now deceased); Sarah, who died when twenty-one years old; Elinor, who died at the age of seventeen years; Hannah, who married John Wallet (both now deceased); Elizabeth, who died in Red Bank township, at the age of fifty years; Esther, who married Adam Carnahan, of Leechburg (both deceased); Solomon; Jacob; John, who was killed at the battle of Gettysburg, during the Civil war; George, who is deceased; Abigail, who is the wife of G. W. Hankey and lives on the old Long homestead in Red Bank township; Mary, who is the wife of G. D. Smith, residing at New Bethlehem; Rachel, deceased, who was the wife of Wesley Neal, residing in Wayne township; and Jemima, who died when eight years old. The mother died when aged about seventy-eight years, and was buried in the Eddyville cemetery. Jacob Long, Sr., was nominally a Democrat in his political membership, but he was a man of good judgment and entertained independent views on public questions. He was a member of the German Reformed Church at Eddyville and at times served in church offices.

Jacob Long began his education in the schools of his native county and continued to attend school after the removal of the family to Red Bank township, Armstrong county. He was given good advantages, attending until twenty-one years old, after which he taught two terms in Red Bank township, first at Chestnut Ridge and later at the Cross Roads school. During the summers he worked for his father on the farm, in the winter time rafting logs on the creeks and digging coal both for his neighbors and in his own coal banks. During the Civil war period he bought a tract of seventy acres in Red Bank township, at that time mostly in timber, which he cut, rafting it to Pittsburgh. He also bought timber from other parties which he rafted to the market at Pittsburgh, being engaged in this work off and on for four years. He had considerable experience in the oil fields, where he worked for a year, there receiving the highest wages he ever earned. He was employed near Oil City and did drilling, pumping, hewing timber and cutting cordwood. He has made other purchases of farm land, his holdings to-day aggregating about 150 acres, one hundred acres of which are cleared and the balance in timber. Though he was engaged in lumbering for some years he sold considerable of his timber on the stump, and his son, George H. Long, now has a portable sawmill on his property and is cutting the remainder of his timber. Until 1885 Mr. Long carried on farming in connection with his other operations, in that year embarking in the general mercantile business, buying a store at Phoenix, Armstrong county, which he carried on for about twenty years. When he first gave up that business he lived retired about six years and then conducted his store again for three years, at the end of which time he again retired. His principal ocupation at present is the raising of bees, of which he has at present thirteen colonies. He owns a half interest in a grist-mill at Phoenix, which his son-in-law, C. K. Barnett, operates, and he owns a tract of twenty-two acres in Wayne township, this county, which is occupied by his son Barclay E. Long (an addition to the 150 acres before mentioned).

Mr. Long has held positions of high responsibility in his locality. He was formerly treasurer of the township, and for one term a notary public, his commission expiring March 10, 1913. He has been quite prominent in church work. Originally a member of the Lutheran Church, he served as elder, later joining the Methodist Church at Phoenix, of which he was a trustee, and he also taught in the Sunday school. Many years ago he was a member of the Armstrong county Grange. Politically Mr. Long is a Democrat.

In 1865 Mr. Long married Catherine Ann Doverspike, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Beck) Doverspike, of Mahoning township, this county, who are mentioned elsewhere. Mrs. Long was born in December, 1839, and died April 21, 1912, at Phoenix, where she is buried. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Long: Valeria died in infancy; Nanina May died when between two and three years of age; Daniel Webster, late of Indiana Harbor, Ind., married Lottie Matthews; Barclay Esco, of Wayne township, married Cora Hetrick; George Hubert, of Red Bank township, married Dessie Smith;

Effie married Luke Shumaker, of Clarion, Pa.; Elsie is married to David Keppel, of Indiana Harbor, Ind.; Jacob H., of Vandergrift, Westmoreland county, married Bertha Little; Pansie is the wife of C. K. Barnett, of Phoenix, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS E. THOMPSON, merchant tailor, and burgess of Dayton, Pa., 1913, is a man widely and favorably known in Armstrong county. He was born in Indiana county, Pa., June 22, 1873, and is a son of William Thompson. His paternal grandfather lived at Apollo, Armstrong county, and was a carpenter by trade, continuing that work until his death. His children were: Mattie, wife of Thomas Parks; Nannie, living in Apollo; Thomas, deceased; Alexander, of Indiana county; and William.

William Thompson, father of Thomas E., was born in Kiskiminetas township, near Spring Church, Armstrong county. He learned the trade of tanner, and became a well-known business man. Later in life he moved to Indiana county, Pa., where he continued his business until two years prior to his death. His remains are interred at the burying ground of the Glade Run Presbyterian Church, Armstrong county, of which he and his wife were members. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Finley, he had one daughter, Maggie (Mrs. Alcorn). His second marriage was to Lavina Clark, daughter of Joseph Clark, and to them were born two children: James C., of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Thomas E.

Thomas E. Thompson was educated in the public schools of his district, and followed farming for five years after leaving school. He then went to Dayton, Pa., with J. T. Smith, a merchant tailor, and during the three years he remained with him learned the tailor's trade thoroughly. For some time after he left Mr. Smith's employ he was employed by different firms at Johnstown and Pittsburgh, gaining in this way a very valuable and extensive experience. In 1897 Mr. Thompson returned to Dayton and embarked in business for himself, since which time he has built up a large trade. The premises occupied by him are in the First National Bank building, and are conveniently fitted up for his purposes.

Fraternally Mr. Thompson is a past grand of Dayton Lodge, No. 738, I. O. O. F., charter member of his encampment, and is also a charter member of the Eagles lodge at Dayton. In politics he is a Republican, and has been very active in the local government, serving as councilman for six years, during which time gas was put into use in the borough. In 1909 he was elected burgess, his term lasting until 1914, during which time many important improvements were introduced in the borough, the most important of which was a bond issue for the construction of a modern waterworks and filtration plant. Mr. Thompson was made treasurer of the Dayton Normal Institute, which office he still holds. He is as yet unmarried.

JOHN W. ROHRER, attorney at law, was born at Kittanning March 7, 1887, son of Frederick and Mary (Haft) Rohrer.

Frederick Rohrer, his great-grandfather, was one of the early settlers of Kittanning, and a pioneer newspaper man. He edited and published the *Columbian* for many years.

John W. Rohrer, son of Frederick, above, was an attorney, belonging to the Armstrong county bar, but like his father devoted himself to newspaper work, being engaged with him in editing and publishing the *Columbian*.

Frederick Rohrer, son of John W., was also a newspaper man, and for many years published the *Democrat and Sentinel*. Three generations of the Rohrer family were connected with the journalistic history of Armstrong county. Frederick Rohrer died in 1897. His two children are Winifred, wife of Herbert G. Gates, of Kittanning, and John W.

John W. Rohrer attended both public and high school in Kittanning, and Washington and Jefferson College, from which he was graduated in 1908. He then took a special course in the law department of the University of Pittsburgh, and was admitted to the Armstrong county bar in December, 1910. In 1913 he became associated with C. L. Wallace, Esq., in the practice of law at Kittanning, and that year was elected burgess of Kittanning on the Republican ticket. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

JOHN A. SCHOTT, retired capitalist, residing at Leechburg, Armstrong county, Pa. was born in Hessen-Cassel, Germany, July 4, 1851, son of Adam and Catherine (Rohrbach) Schott.

Adam Schott and wife were born also in Germany, and had two children, John A. and Peter, when they embarked for America in 1856. The voyage was made in an old sailing vessel that required fifty days to make the passage. After landing in the United States the German family proceeded to Armstrong

county, Pa., and located at Brady's Bend, where the father worked for a time as a coal miner, and also in the Brady's Bend iron and steel mill, but later purchased forty acres of land and developed an excellent farm. In Germany, Adam Schott had enjoyed educational advantages that made him an authority on many matters among his neighbors in Armstrong county, and his advice was often asked and his judgment consulted. Being a fine penman, he did much writing of public papers as well as for private correspondence. He became associated with the Republican party and served as school director, supervisor and assessor in Brady's Bend township. His death occurred in 1892, at the age of sixty-seven years, his wife surviving him but two years. They were active members of the German Lutheran Church, in which he had been choir leader for over twenty-five years. Their children were five in number, namely: John A.; Peter, living at Brady's Bend; Henry J., living at New Kingstown, Pa.; Elizabeth, wife of William Story; and William, living at East Brady.

John A. Schott was five years old when the family came to America and his first experience in the public schools was very trying on account of his knowing only the German language. In those days little provision had been made in the public schools to favor the instruction of foreign born children and it was sometimes very difficult for these to make much headway during the short seasons in which they were able to attend. Mr. Schott was an ambitious boy and supplemented the public instruction which he received with attendance at a night school, where he was taught privately. When only ten years old he was sent to work in the coal mines, and for some years his time was spent either in driving mules or digging coal. It was a hard and cheerless life, but it seemed necessary at that time and he survived. In 1871 he decided to learn a trade, and made arrangements with Nicholas Keener, a butcher at Armstrong Run, by which he should work for him at a salary of eight dollars a month and in the meanwhile be taught the butcher business. He remained with Mr. Keener for eleven months and then bought the business, his father entering into partnership with him, and three months later they took up their residence on the farm above alluded to. They prospered, operating two meat wagons, and eight years later Mr. Schott was able to buy his father's interest and continued in the butcher business until 1892. Meantime he had also been interested in oil, doing some drilling, owned a few wells and for a while dealt in oil. In 1892 he came to Leechburg and bought out John Copeland, conducting his business here continuously until July, 1906. Mr. Schott is a stockholder in both of the Leechburg banks, also in the Apollo Lime and Ballast Company, and in addition owns valuable stock in steel mills at Zanesville and Middletown, Ohio. Politically he is a Republican, but has never cared to hold office, business claiming the larger part of his attention. While living at Brady's Bend he united with the Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On Jan. 1, 1877, Mr. Schott was married to Elvira Williams, daughter of James L. Williams, and ten children have been born to them, as follows: Maude, who died Sept. 21, 1892, aged fourteen years, seven months; Clara Katherine, who is the wife of Homer N. Carey; Mary Emma, who is the wife of Charles M. Carey; Anna Laurree, who is stenographer in a Pittsburgh business house; Margaret M., who is the wife of Barton J. Jackson; John Arthur; Frederick William; Henry Albert, who is a member of the 11th United States Cavalry, now stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, a regiment that has seen considerable service during the late trouble along the United States border; John Milton at home; and Pauline, who died in 1898, at the age of sixteen months.

Lewis Williams, grandfather of Mrs. John A. Schott, was born in South Wales and spent his life there. He had two sons, John and James L., both of whom emigrated to America, the former of whom settled in Maryland.

James L. Williams, son of Lewis Williams and father of Mrs. John A. Schott, was born at Breckon, Breckonshire, South Wales, Oct. 10, 1819. He set sail from Liverpool for America in 1848, and after reaching the United States went to Clinton, Ohio, and in 1851 settled at Brady's Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa. There he engaged in farming and also acquired a fine farm to which he devoted his attention for some years. He died at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1896. His wife, Jane Davis, was born in Blaenavon, Monmouthshire, South Wales, Feb. 19, 1822. In 1849, in company with her intended husband's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, she took passage on a vessel leaving Liverpool for New York. She never forgot the hardships of that long voyage of six weeks, but was safely landed at New York, whence she ascended the river to Troy, and from there made her way to Clinton, Ohio, by way of the Erie canal to

Buffalo, again by boat to Cleveland, and once more by canal to Clinton, which she reached May 31, 1849. She was welcomed by Mr. Williams, to whom she came to be married, and their wedding took place June 22, 1849. She survives and resides at Pittsburgh, well preserved in mind and body. Her reminiscences are very interesting. To Mr. James L. Williams and wife the following children were born: Mary A., who died young; Mary E., who married Thomas Hodges; Margaret A., married to William Davis, Jr.; Sarah J., who married George A. Lentz and (second) Robert Whitfield; Elvira, who married John A. Schott; Ruth, who died in infancy; William J., who is a resident and business man of Pittsburgh; and Annie Laurie, who is the wife of William Leonard.

JAMES A. GAULT, banker and merchant, residing at Kittanning, Pa., was born at New Wilmington, Lawrence Co., Pa., Dec. 14, 1838, son of William C. and Elizabeth (Banks) Gault, and grandson of Maj. James Gault.

Maj. James Gault was of Scotch-Irish ancestry and possibly was born either in Scotland or Ireland. It is positively known that he was one of the very first settlers in Lawrence (then Mercer) county, Pa., probably coming directly after the close of the war of 1812, in which he served as a soldier, being major of his regiment. He became one of the prosperous agriculturists of Lawrence county, and died there at the age of seventy-six years. He and his wife had the following children: John, Benjamin, William C., Elizabeth, Polly, Sarah Jane and Lavina.

William C. Gault was born and reared in Lawrence county and followed the tanning business at New Wilmington, where his death occurred in 1852. He married Elizabeth Banks, who died in 1854, and they had six children: James A., Benjamin C., Mary Ann, Margaret Jane, Rebecca and Elizabeth.

James A. Gault attended the public schools of New Wilmington preparatory to entering Westminster College there, in which institution he was one of the first students. Great changes have come about since then, when even the first of the many stately edifices of this educational center was yet unfinished and it was necessary for the classes to be held in the Seceder Church building. This school then, as now, was under the jurisdiction of the United Presbyterian body. Mr. Gault continued at school until he was fourteen years of age and then became clerk in the store at New Wilmington, in which capacity he has had his first business training, and two years later went to New Castle, Pa., where he worked as a clerk in a mercantile establishment for three more years. About 1857 he went from New Castle to Allegheny City, Pa., where he became a partner in the general mercantile firm of Dunlap, Luker & Co., Mr. Gault being the company. He sold his interest prior to 1864, when he came to Kittanning in order to establish himself in the mercantile business at this place. He was prudent in his first outlay and was judicious in the selection of his site, the present one, at the corner of Jefferson and Market streets, and prospered from the first. To Mr. Gault is largely due the credit of reorganizing the methods of business in his line in this city. He found Kittanning considerable of a trading point, but a large amount of business done was on a credit basis, this frequently causing dissatisfaction and embarrassment to both buyer and seller. He adopted the cash plan, paying cash at the time of purchase for all his goods, whether dry goods or produce, and asking the same safe system from his customers. No new method meets with universal favor at the beginning, but it was not long before the wisdom and effectiveness of this plan became recognized and his competitors adopted the same, and ere long every one was satisfied. He was the father of this admirable business method at Kittanning, one that now prevails in all the leading business houses of the borough.

Although Mr. Gault is numbered with the successful business men of the place, he has, at times, met with serious losses. In 1878 his buildings and stock were burned. In the same year, he rebuilt, erecting a fine three-story brick structure, 33 by 100 feet in dimensions, adding two warehouses, and then branched out more extensively, expanding the scope of his activities until almost every line of merchandise was covered, establishing the first complete department store at Kittanning. He has kept up with the times and has trade connections which enable him to secure goods of every land and offer them at prices and in variety to satisfy every would-be purchaser.

Mr. Gault has additional interests. He has been a heavy dealer in grain and feed for a number of years and owns a large elevator here. In 1884, when the Farmers' National Bank of Kittanning was organized, he became a member of its board of directors and its vice president, and upon the death of John A. Colwell succeeded to the presidency. He

is a careful, conservative business man and is well equipped for the position of head of this large financial institution. He is now, in point of years of business service, the oldest merchant in Kittanning, all his earlier associates having passed away or withdrawn from active life. His business prominence, however, is only second to his personal distinction, his many years of residence and his unselfish interest in everything conducive to the welfare of his fellow citizens, his public spirit and benevolence, all causing him to be held in high esteem by his fellow citizens of Armstrong county.

Mr. Gault was married Feb. 27, 1862, to Emma H. Rutan, daughter of Hezekiah Rutan, of Allegheny county, Pa., and they have three children, namely: Harry R., who is associated with his father in the mercantile business, married Retta C. Titzell, and they have three children, James A., Margaret and Harry; May Banks is the wife of Floy C. Jones, an attorney at Kittanning; Laura is the wife of Harry McKenna.

Mr. Gault is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge, No. 244, Chapter No. 247, Kittanning, Tancred Commandery, Pittsburgh and Consistory at Pittsburgh.

NEWTON H. SLONAKER, one of the proprietors of the Hyde Park Foundry & Machine Company, at Leechburg, Armstrong Co., Pa., belongs to an old Pennsylvania family of this section, and was himself born in Westmoreland county Nov. 6, 1870, son of John Slonaker. The family is of German origin.

Michael Slonaker, the pioneer of this family in Westmoreland county, resided near Salem, now Delmont. His family consisted of seven children: George; Daniel; Sallie; Esther, who married Conrad Hawk, a great-uncle of Mrs. Newton H. Slonaker; Katy, Mrs. Houser; Mrs. Fennel, and Mrs. Borts (originally Boartz).

Daniel Slonaker, son of Michael, was the grandfather of Newton H. Slonaker. He was born in eastern Pennsylvania, and came with the family from east of the mountains to Westmoreland county. About 1829 he came to near Markle, Westmoreland county, where he bought a tract of 200 acres and followed farming the rest of his life, dying on that property. He was married at what was then Salem, now Delmont, to Mary E. Kepple, of near Salem; she had a sister, Mrs. Fink. To Daniel and Mary E. (Kepple) Slonaker were born six children, namely: George; Michael, who married Nancy Younkins; Abraham, who married Mary Spiker; Mary, who married Peter Klingensmith; Sallie, who married Israel Potts; and John. The mother of this family died in 1886, aged about eighty years. Both the parents were Lutheran in religious faith. As a rule the Slonakers were noted for strength, and George and Abraham Slonaker, uncles of Newton H. Slonaker, had the reputation of being the most powerful men in their neighborhood.

John Slonaker, father of Newton H. Slonaker, was born in Allegheny township, Westmoreland county. He learned the trade of wagonmaker and followed it, though for about ten years before his death he gave the greater part of his attention to farming. He was a man of considerable prominence in his locality, serving as a school director and in other offices, and for twenty years he was justice of the peace in Allegheny township. He was an active member and liberal supporter of the Lutheran Church. His death occurred May 16, 1905, when he was aged sixty-six years, three months, nineteen days, and he was buried in Upper Burrell township, Westmoreland county. His wife, Elizabeth Bole, who is a native of Armstrong county, still survives, residing in Allegheny township, Westmoreland county. They had the following family: Delia L., Anna M., Newton H., D. Homer, C. F. Burton, Catherine J., Charlotte E., and a child that died when three days old.

Newton H. Slonaker attended public school in Allegheny township and also at Leechburg, and up to the age of nineteen years worked mainly at farming. About that time he entered the employ of the Leechburg Foundry & Machine Company, to learn the machinist's trade, proved an apt pupil, and remained about five years. He then entered the business for himself, becoming an active member of the Hyde Park Foundry & Machine Company, organized in 1895, his associates being James Fox, Thomas McCausland, James Lees and George Shaner, all but the last named experienced foundry and machine men. Starting in a small way, they soon acquired a valuable equipment, being prepared to make large castings and machinery. At present the output comprises rolling mill machinery and chilled rolls, and a general class of foundry machine work is done, employment being given to 150 men. Besides the pattern shop and power house there are two buildings, the foundry, 80 by 280 feet in dimensions, and a machine shop of the same size. The firm is prepared

to do any kind of work in this line, and its high standing and extensive operations have a recognized value in the prosperity of the town. Thomas McCausland is president of the firm, James Lees vice president, N. H. Slonaker secretary and treasurer. In January, 1911, Mr. Slonaker was elected a director of the First National Bank of Leechburg, succeeding the late George W. Thompson.

Mr. Slonaker was married Sept. 7, 1893, to Cora I. Trout, daughter of William R. and Jerusha (Maggie) (Lang) Trout, and they have had the following children: Charles T. (now a student at the Pennsylvania State College, a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity), Paul N., Margaret E., Lee J., Joseph C., Mary L. and Walter D., all surviving except Lee J. and Joseph C., who died young. Paul and Margaret have unusual artistic ability, painting in oil. Mr. Slonaker is a member of the Hebron Lutheran Church and is serving on the church council, and is also librarian of the Sunday school. In politics he is a Republican, and in November, 1913, was elected councilman. He is a past master of the Leechburg Lodge, No. 577, F. & A. M., and also belongs to Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M., of Kittanning; Tancred Commandery, No. 48, K. T. of Pittsburgh; and Coudersport Consistory. He holds membership also in both branches of the Odd Fellows.

Mrs. Slonaker's paternal great-great-grandfather came to this country from Germany, in company with one of his brothers, and first settled at Germantown, near Philadelphia. They separated, and the family never afterward succeeded in locating the brother mentioned. The great-great-grandfather married in Philadelphia, and after living there for some years went to the Colony of Virginia, where he died. His son, Baltzer Trout, great-grandfather of Mrs. Slonaker, was born at Germantown and went with his father to Virginia, near Winchester. He was a stonemason by trade. During the Revolution he served as a soldier in the Colonial forces, was with Washington at Yorktown, and in his later years received a pension for his services. He was married in Virginia, his wife being Elizabeth Ridenour (Ritinour), sister of William, and in 1806 removed to Westmoreland county, Pa., among the pioneers of that region, settling in the woods three miles from Delmont. There he cleared a tract of land and continued to make his home for eighteen years; his place is now known as the Branthouver farm. His family consisted of five sons and two daughters, all born in Virginia: Henry, who died in Illinois; John, who died in Westmoreland county, Pa.; Jacob, who died in Westmoreland county; Baltzer, who died in Greenfield, Pa.; Daniel, who died in Westmoreland county; Catherine, wife of Philip Walters; and Elizabeth, wife of John Jonston. The father of this family died July 5, 1837, in Allegheny township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and the mother died in December of the same year; they are buried in the Poke Run Churchyard. Mr. and Mrs. Trout were members of the Methodist Church.

Jacob Trout, son of Baltzer Trout, was born Jan. 28, 1789, in Virginia, and when a child came with his father to Westmoreland county, where he followed farming in Allegheny township from 1832 until he retired because of his advancing years. He owned 137 acres, and had a well improved farm, which he cultivated intelligently, the place showing the result of his good management. Outside of his farm work he was not particularly active in the community except in his connection with the Lutheran Church, of which he was a prominent member, taking a leading part in its work. He died June 5, 1868. Mr. Trout married Mary A. Hawk, daughter of Daniel and Magdalena (Bricker) Hawk. A large family was born to this union: William R.; Baltzer, who is deceased; Jacob, deceased; Daniel, living in California; Henry, living in Iowa; David P., a dentist, of Leechburg; Mary A., who married George H. Goodsel; Harriet, deceased; Jennie, unmarried; Melvina R., who married Cochran Vantine; Jemima, unmarried; and Caroline E., who died young. Some of the sons served during the Civil war, Henry, who enlisted from Westmoreland county, being captured and confined in Libby prison.

William R. Trout, eldest son of Jacob, was born Sept. 26, 1829, in Washington township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and was reared upon the farm, where he remained until twenty-four years old. He was educated in the common schools and at Leechburg Academy, and taught school for fourteen years, for six terms of the time being engaged in Armstrong county, the balance in Westmoreland county. For several years he followed farming on part of the old homestead in Westmoreland county, Allegheny township, and since he retired from agricultural pursuits, in 1904, he has made his home at Vandergrift, Pa. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Leechburg, and teaches in the Sunday school. He was made a Mason at Freeport, Pa., in

agriculturists, with successful results; was the first man in Armstrong county to raise alfalfa, of which he cuts three crops a year; and has planted seven acres of apples and peaches on his place, now having a promising orchard. He is prominently associated with the various organizations which promote such interests and advocate wise progress, belonging to the Percheron Society of America, the American Importers' and Breeders' Association, of Plainfield, Ohio, the American Association of Importers and Breeders of Belgian Draft Horses, and the Kittanning Fair Association, of Kittanning, Pa., of which latter he is president. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons and Elks. Though not active in politics he is interested in the success of the Republican party, and his religious connection is with the First Presbyterian Church of Kittanning, of which he is an elder.

On March 23, 1893, Mr. Wilson married Lurene Rumbaugh, a native of Kittanning, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Rumbaugh, and they reside at No. 315 North McKean street, Kittanning. They have had three children: Elizabeth, Josephine and John, the latter dying when seven months old. The daughters are attending public school.

HIRAM H. WRAY, editor of the Leechburg *Advance,* was born in Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, Jan. 24, 1848, at the little settlement of Shady Plain. He is a son of John Manners and Anna Margaret (Townsend) Wray, and a grandson of Robert Wray, son of Daniel, the Wray family being of Irish descent. His grandfather on the maternal side, Robert Townsend, was of English descent, and his grandmother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Hine, was German, but both were natives of this country.

Daniel Wray, great-grandfather of Hiram H., was born about 1754 in County Antrim, Ireland, and coming to America in the latter half of the eighteenth century settled first in Mercersburg, Franklin county. Soon thereafter he went to Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, where he purchased 200 acres of land. A portion of that town is now built upon this farm, although at that time it was a wilderness, infested by wolves, who frequently attacked his sheep, driving them up to the cabin door. Daniel Wray was a devout Presbyterian and in politics was a Whig. About the year 1781 he married Elizabeth McKibben, by whom he had seven children, James, Elizabeth, John, Jane, Margaret, William and Robert.

Robert Wray, grandfather of Hiram, was born Dec. 8, 1784, near Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa., and in 1800 moved with his father to the site of Saltsburg, Indiana county. After a time his father's health became poor and Robert had to assume entire charge of the farm. So well did he carry out the task that he succeeded in paying for the place and putting it into a fine state of cultivation. Part of the purchase money was raised by salt making, at a well he had bored. A tract of this land is still owned by his daughter Abigail M., so that the title has been in the Wray family for 133 years. In 1812 Robert Wray married Abigail Manners, daughter of John Manners, a native of Washington county. John Manners was born in 1760 and moved to Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, in 1810, buying a farm of 200 acres across the river from Avonmore, Westmoreland county. He was a devout Presbyterian and took part in the suppression of the famous "Whiskey Insurrection." In 1785 he married Sallie Couch, and their children were: Joseph, Elizabeth, Nathan, Margaret, Nancy, George, Polly and Abigail (Mrs. Robert Wray). To Robert Wray and his wife were born eleven children: Sarah, born July 9, 1814, married Robert Smith, and died June 13, 1860; Daniel, born April 1, 1816, married Sarah France; John M. is mentioned below; Elizabeth, born Jan. 1, 1820, married John A. Ewing and resided at Olivet; William H., born Dec. 2, 1821, married Susan Townsend; Margaretta, born Feb. 29, 1824, is deceased; one child died in infancy July 15, 1824; Nancy, born Aug. 11, 1825, married James D. Wilson, of Olivet; Robert was born Feb. 11, 1827; Anna J., March 16, 1830; and Abigail M., July 29, 1832.

John M. Wray, father of Hiram H. Wray, was born Nov. 23, 1817, near Saltsburg, Indiana county, and was reared in Kiskiminetas township, where he attended school in the old log structures of the times. Soon after he grew to manhood he began to farm for himself, following this occupation for the greater part of his life. Between 1857 and 1860 he was in partnership with Henry Townsend in the store at Olivet, and again in 1865 with the same partner, finally transferring half the business to Hiram, his son, when the firm became J. M. Wray & Son. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Elder's Ridge and in politics an adherent of the Republican party, filling a number of township offices. On July 19, 1839, he married Anna Margaret, daughter of Mr. and





Mrs. Robert Townsend, of South Bend township, and to this union were born eight children: Harriet, born Nov. 9, 1840, now deceased, who married B. H. Scott; Clara E., born in 1842, who married T. M. Marshall; Abigail, born Aug. 14, 1844, now deceased, who married D. P. Alexander, former postmaster at Apollo; Hiram Hultz, of whom this sketch is written; Anna M., born June 18, 1850, now deceased; Robert T., born May 4, 1853, now in Tyrone, Okla.; Mary A., May 15, 1856; and Emma E., born Dec. 24, 1859, who is now deceased.

Hiram H. Wray was given as good an education as the old-time schools afforded. He first went to the old subscription school held in a log building on the Hart farm, and then to the school at Shady Plain. After a few terms at Elder's Ridge Academy, in Indiana county, near the line of Armstrong, he took a course at the Iron City Commercial College, Pittsburgh, from which he graduated in 1864. His first business experience was gained in his father's store at Olivet, and from there he went to the mouth of the Mahoning, in Armstrong county, to keep the books in Jeremiah Bonner's large store and steamboat warehouse. From 1865 to 1868 he held this position, the latter part of the time being agent for the Adams Express Company, they operating over the Allegheny Valley railroad, just completed to that point. He also was agent for the old Good Intent line of stagecoaches. In 1868 he returned to Shady Plain to enter into partnership with his father in a store under the firm name of J. M. Wray & Son, and continued to be associated with the firm until 1872, when he came to Leechburg to take charge of the books of the store of Beale, Rogers & Burchfield. He held this responsible position until 1875, when he purchased an interest in the then firm of Ashbaugh & Co., the name being afterward changed to Ashbaugh & Wray. The place of business was opposite Leechburg and was for a time one of the principal stores of this section, drawing trade from both Armstrong and Westmoreland counties. In 1887 he sold out his interest in the store, as well as the Leechburg *Enterprise,* which he had purchased from J. T. Robertson in 1875, and went to Kansas City, Mo., to enter the contracting and roofing business, with his brother Robert T., who had been located there.

Mr. Wray's residence in Kansas City was not intended to be permanent and after five years he returned to Leechburg. After spending a few years in the insurance and other business he entered the employ of the West Penn Steel Company. Mr. Wray was a charter member with seven others of the first natural gas company chartered in Pennsylvania —the "Leechburg Light & Fuel Company." He remained with the steel company until they sold out to the United States Steel Company in 1900. In February, 1901, he purchased the Leechburg *Advance* from D. K. Hill, who had succeeded Edward Hill as editor. He has been editor and manager of this publication ever since, now almost thirteen years, and the paper has been enlarged and improved, the circulation having nearly trebled and the mechanical conveniences greatly improved. The result under his editorship has been very gratifying both to himself and to the readers of the paper, as his knowledge of the intimate details of the history of the town and county and thorough business experience make him peculiarly fitted to conduct a newspaper that is acceptable to all classes of readers. Though Mr. Wray politically is a Republican, the paper is conducted as independent.

When the first Leechburg Bank was organized Mr. Wray was one of the directors; and with five others completed the organization of the Leechburg Milling Company. The first to introduce the "gradual reduction" system of flour making east of Chicago, this mill is still in operation. He has been connected and identified with numerous other industries.

Mr. Wray was united in marriage Sept. 7, 1880, to Alice M., daughter of the late John and Eliza (Sampson) Harrison, of Harrison township, Allegheny Co., Pa. To this union six children were born, as follows: Edith Marrion, who died in infancy; John Harrison, who died of diphtheria in Kansas City, in November, 1892, when in his eleventh year; Perry Hutchison, now in the employ of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company, Vandergrift, Pa.; Homer Henry, who died at Gettysburg, Nov. 21, 1913, from an abscess from an unknown cause (he was in his junior year at Pennsylvania College and a young man of great promise); Stanley Manners, at this writing—December, 1913—in his sophomore year in Pennsylvania College; and Alfred Townsend, the youngest of the family, now in the Leechburg high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wray live in the same house, although with many modern improvements, in which they began housekeeping when first married, thirty-three years ago, located on the corner of Second street and Siberian avenue.

They, together with their sons, are members of the First Presbyterian Church and other organizations. Mr. Wray is one of the first members of the Leechburg Lecture Association, which is the second oldest in the United States. He was its first secretary in 1874. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association and National Editorial Association, and of the Pittsburgh Press Club.

John Harrison, Mrs. Wray's father, was of English descent and related to the well-known Featherstone family. He came to America at the age of nine and was reared to manhood at Germantown, Philadelphia. He emigrated to Allegheny county, where he was noted as a farmer and as an importer and breeder of English and Scotch draft horses, an occupation which he followed until his death in 1879. Mrs. Wray's grandfather Sampson, on her mother's side, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution.

A friend of Mr. Wray says: "Few men are more intimately known throughout western Pennsylvania, indeed throughout the State, than 'Hi' Wray. His varied business connections have put him in contact with many men of prominence and stability. As a newspaper man he stands in the front rank, and his pointed pen has invited and encouraged an acquaintance and wide friendliness which many with greater opportunities may never hope to attain. As an evidence of his popularity, he was, in the convention of newspaper men held in Harrisburg in the fall of 1912, chosen president of the executive committee for the State of Pennsylvania, and his crown was no less lustrous when yielded to his successor."

AUGUSTUS T. PONTIUS (deceased), for a number of years a prominent resident of Parker City, Armstrong county, where he was well known in his various official and business relations, was a native of this county, born at Dayton, Dec. 24, 1841, son of Ezra Pontius.

The Pontius family has been established in America for several generations. The first of the family in this country, one John Pontius, came from Alsace-Lorraine, France, in 1738, when twenty years old, having been born in 1718. He settled in Tulpehocken township, Berks Co., Pa. In 1743 he married Anna Catherine Zellers, daughter of John Zellers, a French Huguenot, and they had a large family, the sons being: John Henry, born in 1744; John Peter, born in 1747; John, born in 1751; Andrew Michael; George, and Frederick.

John Pontius, born Aug. 16, 1751, in the Tulpehocken valley in Berks county, Pa., served in the Revolutionary war from that county, being a private in the company of Capt. Peter Grube, Jr., Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment, of which Samuel Miles was colonel. He enlisted April 28, 1776 (Vol. II, Page 239, Pennsylvania in the Revolutionary War; Archives, Second Series). His home in Berks county was not far from Philadelphia, and thence he moved to Huntingdon county, where he remained but a short time. In 1816 he came with his son Jacob to Armstrong county, Pa., settling in Wayne township, and died near what is now Dayton in 1836; he is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery. He was reared a Lutheran, and became a member of the Methodist Church. In politics he was a Whig. His wife, Barbara (Cotterman), born Sept. 24, 1753, died in March, 1810, and is buried in Berks county. They had the following children: John married Elizabeth Root; Catherine became Mrs. Everhart; Esther married John Beyer; Jacob married Elizabeth Lias; Susan married John Lias.

Jacob Pontius, son of John and Barbara (Cotterman) Pontius, was born Nov. 3, 1783, in Berks county, Pa., and came to western Pennsylvania from Huntingdon county in 1816, settling in Wayne township, Armstrong county, with his family. He had come out to this region the year previous and bought 400 acres of land, over a portion of which the borough of Dayton has since been extended. He died in 1845. He was a Methodist in religion and a Whig in politics, voting that ticket when he and one other man were the only Whigs in their section. When he came to Armstrong county the region in which he settled was very sparsely inhabited, and very little improvement had been made. Many of the settlers gave more attention to hunting than to clearing their lands. Jacob Pontius, however, was very industrious and enterprising, and he brought up his children in the same way. He started a tanyard upon his farm, taking into partnership a young man who knew the trade, and under whom his son Wesley later learned the business.

Jacob Pontius married Elizabeth Lias, who was born Sept. 15, 1789, and whose father was a German; Mr. Lias moved from eastern Pennsylvania to Huntingdon county, where he followed farming until his death. Mrs. Pontius died in 1842. She was the mother of nine children, born as follows: Elias, Dec. 25, 1811; Wesley, July 31, 1813; Ezra, Dec. 15,

1814; Mary Ann, April 20, 1817; Eliza Jane, July 12, 1819; Catherine, July 16, 1821; Maria, March 20, 1823; Margaret, Nov. 15, 1826; and John, Jan. 30, 1828.

Ezra Pontius, son of Jacob Pontius, was born in Huntingdon county and passed practically all his life in Wayne township, Armstrong county, where he followed farming and also engaged in merchandising, and although his early advantages were few his natural ability made him quite a successful man. He died in 1888. Mr. Pontius was a Whig and Republican in politics, and in religion a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he served officially for forty-five years, in the capacities of steward and class-leader. He was twice married, his wives, Emily Turney and Eliza Turney, being cousins, the latter the daughter of Jacob Turney, a dry goods merchant at Kittanning. Mrs. Emily (Turney) Pontius, his first wife, born in 1822, died in 1862, a member of the M. E. Church. She was the mother of all his children, viz.: Augustus T., Albert C., John M., Maria N., Margaret N., Robert G., Harry L. and Emma O.

Augustus T. Pontius was reared on the farm and received his early education in the common schools, later attending Dayton Union Academy. He remained on the farm until he reached the age of nineteen years, and taught school for several terms. He then entered the office of Dr. J. R. Crouch, of Dayton, with whom he read medicine until his enlistment, in 1862, in the Union service, becoming a private in Company B, 139th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was promoted from fifth sergeant to first duty sergeant, and was in line of promotion for a commissioned rank when his right arm was shattered in front of Petersburg, necessitating amputation at the shoulder. From Petersburg he was taken to a hospital situated on an island in the Hudson river (Davis), remaining there until all in his ward were dying of gangrene except himself and one other, a man who had been shot through the tongue. Clad only in shirt, drawers and shoddy slippers they found their way to Chester hospital, and after Mr. Pontius' arrival there his people were informed that he still lived. He was discharged from there June 14, 1865. Until injured he was in all the engagements in which his command took part. Returning to his home in Armstrong county, Mr. Pontius was elected county commissioner in 1865, on the Republican ticket, and served two successive terms, being reelected in 1869. From 1872 to 1880 he was engaged in the fire insurance business at Parker City and Kittanning, settling in the former place in 1876. In 1881 he was commissioned postmaster at Parker City, under the Garfield administration, and continued to serve until 1885, when he was removed under the Cleveland administration, for making political speeches. In 1887 and 1888 he served as mayor, and he was a member of both the common and select branches of the borough council. His record as a public official was uniformly high. After leaving the post office, he engaged in the mercantile business, which he continued successfully until his death, which occurred April 4, 1891, at Parker City. He was buried in the M. E. cemetery there, but within a year his body was removed to Emery Chapel Cemetery, Dayton, and rests with his kindred. He served as steward of the Parker City M. E. Church, in which he was choir leader for several years. He was a member of good standing of the G. A. R. and the I. O. O. F.

In 1867 Mr. Pontius married Laura S. Goodhart, daughter of Dr. George Goodhart, of Dayton, and she now makes her home at Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Pontius had no children. She owns a fine farm in Wayne township. Mrs. Pontius is particularly interested in educational questions.

Dr. George Goodhart, father of Mrs. Pontius, was born in 1818 in Mifflin county, Pa. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and coming to Armstrong county in 1840 first settled at Rural Valley, where he practiced for a short time. Then he practiced a while at Smicksburg, Indiana county, before settling at Dayton, where he made his permanent home. He followed his profession until his death, which occurred Oct. 5, 1852, when he was but thirty-five years, five months, four days old. He was the first physician to locate at Dayton, and was very well known and highly respected in that vicinity. He is buried in the M. E. graveyard here.

Dr. Goodhart married Eliza Lias, daughter of John and Susanna (Pontius) Lias, and they had a family of four children: Augustus K.; Laura S., widow of Augustus T. Pontius; Florida, who died unmarried; and Missouri, who married D. O. Crouch.

Augustus K. Goodhart, son of Dr. George Goodhart, was born Jan. 27, 1847, in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, and received a good education, attending the Dayton Academy. During the Civil war, though very young, he enlisted in Company K, 2d

Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served eighteen months, until the close of the war. He then located in Wayne township, Armstrong county, and followed plastering and farming throughout his active years. He now resides at Dayton. He is a member and past commander of J. W. Turk Post, No. 321, G. A. R., and also belongs to the I. O. O. F.

On Sept. 15, 1872, Mr. Goodhart married Sarah Rupp, daughter of John H. and Susanna (Schrecongost) Rupp, and they have had seven children: John, who is living in Wayne township; Jane, wife of E. C. Snyder; Dolly, who died young; George, who is engaged in teaching in Wayne township; Beulah, wife of Henry J. Postlethwaite; Laura, wife of Charles Snyder; and Florence, who is teaching in Armstrong county.

HON. E. B. LATSHAW, of Kittanning, present representative of his district in the State Legislature of Pennsylvania, has passed all his life in this region, having been born in Clarion county, where the family has been settled for many years.

Peter Latshaw, his grandfather, was of German parentage. He came to this part of the State from eastern Pennsylvania, and settled in Clarion county, where he lived and died. He is buried there. Farming was his occupation, and he owned two or three hundred acres of land, all of which is still in the family name, being owned by Isaac Latshaw. Peter Latshaw's children were as follows: Silas, Peter, Isaac, John, Ellen, Margaret, Kate and Elizabeth. This family was reared in Clarion county.

Silas Latshaw, father of Hon. E. B. Latshaw, became a farmer like his father. His untimely death occurred in February, 1866, when he was only about thirty years old, being caused by typhoid fever, and he is buried at West Freedom, in Clarion county. He had married Martha Yingling, a native of Clarion county, daughter of David Yingling, and three children were born to them: Elmer B.; George, who lives in Venango county, Pa.; and Ada, wife of Louis Gerdon, of Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Elmer B. Latshaw was born Feb. 17, 1861, and was but five years old when his father died. He continued to live on the old home farm in Clarion county until fifteen years old, meantime attending common school, and then started out to make his own way in the world. When twenty years old he gave up work for a time in order to resume his studies, and for two years attended school at Edinboro, Pa. At the end of that time he went to Beaver county, Pa., to enter the employ of the Bridgewater Gas Company, remaining at Rochester, Beaver county, for three years. In 1888 and 1889 he was at Wellsville, Ohio, in the employ of the Ohio Valley Gas Company. His most important business interests, however have been in the manufacturing of brick. He began that business at Vanport, in Beaver county, Pa., when he was a partner in the Vanport Brick Company, a prosperous concern, with which he was connected until he came to Kittanning, in 1894. Here he started the plant now conducted by the Kittanning Brick & Fire Clay Company, planning and overseeing the construction of the works and superintending the operation of the same for fifteen years. Selling his interests in this establishment in 1907, Mr. Latshaw took a position with the Hydraulic Pressed Brick Company, of St. Louis, whose plant is located at Brazil, Ind. Mr. Latshaw became well known all over the country in his connection with the brick manufacturing business, for he was one of the most progressive men in that line and thoroughly up-to-date in his ideas and management, a fact which was recognized by all who had dealings with him. At Kittanning he made the first vitrified gray brick turned out in Pennsylvania, if not in the country, shipping the product to points all over the country, between New York and California and between Canada and Mexico.

Mr. Latshaw has always taken an ardent interest in public affairs and an active part in politics, as a Republican until the formation of the Washington party, on whose ticket he was elected to the Legislature. His home is in that part of Kittanning known as Wickboro, and he has served his fellow citizens there faithfully as a member of the school board and councilman. In 1912 he was the candidate for State representative on the straight Washington ticket, and was elected to service until 1915. He has rendered the new party valuable service as committeeman, and is secretary of the Armstrong county organization. His religious connection is with the M. E. Church.

On Jan. 18, 1888, Mr. Latshaw was married to Sarah Richardson, of Washington, Pa., daughter of James and Ann Richardson, and they started housekeeping at Wellsville, Ohio. They have had four children: Walter, who died when fifteen months old; Mary, who was a student in the seminary at Washington, Pa., at the time of her death, when

she was nineteen years old; Paul now (1913) aged nineteen, who graduated from the Kittanning high school, has attended the University of Colorado for one year, and expects to enter Allegheny College in 1914; and Wendell, now aged fourteen, who is attending public school at Kittanning. The family home is at No. 555 Hawthorne avenue, Kittanning.

CHARLES AUGUST WEISFIELD, retired chemist, of Parker City, Pa., was born in Elberfeld, Germany, Aug. 23, 1838, son of Henry and Anna W. (Kronenberg) Weisfield.

Charles A. Weisfield was reared in his native city, one of the large manufacturing centers of Germany, and was educated in the Polytechnic at Achen and the Gymnasium at Elberfeld. On Oct. 21, 1859, he was enrolled in the German army and served in the war of 1866 between Prussia and Austria, and also in the Franco-Prussian war. From 1859 until 1862 he was a member of the 2d Regiment, Guards Corps, stationed at Berlin.

In 1871 Mr. Weisfield came to the United States, and resided at Buffalo, N. Y., for almost a year before coming to Pennsylvania. He spent the next five years at Petroleum Center, Oil City and Tarr Farms. In 1877 he located at Karns City, Butler county, where he resided until 1887, the year of his removal to Parker. During all this period he has manufactured and sold his own proprietary medicines and extracts, which have a national reputation. In 1910, on account of failing eyesight, he sold his formulas to a stock company operating at Parker City as the Weisfield Manufacturing & Chemical Company. An extensive business is done, there being a steady demand all over the United States for these standard products. Mr. Weisfield came to America with little capital except health, energy and a fine technical education. He has prospered through legitimate business channels and now has valuable real estate holdings in Armstrong, Allegheny and Westmoreland counties.

Mr. Weisfield was married in 1865, to Sophia Reims, who died in 1877. She was a daughter of Richard Reims, of Elberfeld-Barmen, Germany. Mr. Weisfield has one son, Charles Adolphus Weisfield, who is engaged in a general insurance business at Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Weisfield is a Republican in politics. Fraternally he is associated with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

ANDREW HINDMAN, late of West Franklin township, Armstrong county, was one of the most prominent farmers of that section, the owner of several hundred acres of land, and a citizen of substance and worth whose long life was a credit to the community.

Mr. Hindman's parents, James and Mary (McClellan) Hindman, were natives of Ireland who came to the United States about 1790, first settling in Westmoreland county, Pa., and in 1792 purchasing a tract of 288 acres in what is now West Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Pa. Mr. Hindman made the first improvements on that property, and there he and his wife continued to live to the close of their long lives, James Hindman, who was born in 1763, dying April 28, 1846, in his eighty-third year, and Mrs. Hindman dying Aug. 22, 1856, in her ninety-first year. They led the life typical of those days. They not only had to clear their land before they could cultivate it, but had to depend upon their own exertions for many things now readily obtained. They grew flax, spun and wove the cloth needed for clothing for themselves and their family, and put up with many inconveniences incidental to life in a new country. In addition to general agricultural pursuits, Mr. Hindman raised stock, which he drove to market at Lancaster, Pa., and with the proceeds of his industry was able to purchase more land, buying the farm in West Franklin township now owned by A. M. Hindman and another in East Franklin owned by Burt and James Hindman. The old log house which he built was in time replaced by a more convenient dwelling and the latter in turn gave way to the modern residence now on the farm, a substantial house erected in 1881. James Hindman and his wife had a family of nine children, namely: Margaret, who married David Hall; Mary, who married Joseph Armstrong; John; George; James; William; Andrew; Nancy, and Mattie. Nancy and Mattie were invalids, and never married.

Andrew Hindman was born Nov. 15, 1809, on the old homestead in West Franklin township, and succeeded to the ownership of that place, where he spent all his life. One of the most progressive farmers of the vicinity in his day, and a man of unusual executive ability, he added extensively to his original holdings, at the time of his death owning 695 acres (including the homestead) in one body, besides another farm of 150 acres, all in West Franklin township.

On Oct. 13, 1854, Mr. Hindman married Susannah, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Sipes) Van Dyke, pioneers of South Buf-

falo township, this county, who were of Holland Dutch descent. Three children were born to this union, James Mark, Margaret Emma and George Lee, all of whom reside with their mother on the homestead. Mrs. Hindman is now (1912) eighty-six years of age. Mr. Hindman passed away Jan. 24, 1900. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Lutheran Church of Worthington, to which his family also belong.

George Lee Hindman, youngest son of the late Andrew Hindman, has shown considerable ability as an inventor, and is the patentee of the Eureka rail tie fastener, a safety device for preventing the spreading, creeping or sinking of rails, which for three years has been tested by the Pennsylvania Railway Company with highly satisfactory results, requiring no attention during that period.

LAURENCE S. ROBERTS, attorney at law, located at Leechburg, Pa., was born in Green township, Indiana Co., Pa., near Pine Flats, Nov. 9, 1875, a son of John Roberts and grandson of Roberts Roberts.

Roberts Roberts was born in Wales and was the pioneer of the family in America. He settled first near Pittsburgh, Pa., but later moved to Green township, Indiana county, where he engaged in farming for some years before his death.

John Roberts, son of Roberts Roberts and father of Laurence S., was born in Wales in December, 1834, and was five years old when his parents brought him to the United States. After a number of years during which he was successfully engaged in the lumber business in Green township he located at Homer, in Indiana county, where he engaged in the manufacturer of incubators. He was a man of mechanical genius and some of his inventions were extremely practical. His death occurred Jan. 21, 1906, and he was buried at Indiana, Pa. He married Jane Griffith, daughter of Evan and Sarah (Stevens) Griffith, and she is a resident of Leechburg at the present time. They had the following children: Robert, Grant, Sarah E., Emma E., Laurence S. and Albert P. Sarah E. is the wife of John Duncan, postmaster of Leechburg.

Laurence S. Roberts completed the common school course in Indiana county and the high school course at Ann Arbor, Mich., afterward teaching school for one year in his native county. Later he became a clerk in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and subsequently traveled for one year, after which he entered the University of Michigan, and was graduated from its law department in the class of 1900. Mr. Roberts returned to Pennsylvania and accepted the position of timekeeper for the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, at Leechburg, later becoming assistant day manager, and afterward assistant night manager. On Nov. 20, 1903, he was admitted to practice in the Armstrong county courts, and on May 22, 1911, to the Supreme court. He has been very successful in general practice, and was the attorney representing eight hundred petitioners for the adjudication of bankruptcy against the Leechburg Banking Company, in 1908.

In addition to his law practice Mr. Roberts has important agricultural and real estate interests, owns the Enterprise Lumber Company, at Leechburg, and is one of the stockholders of the Farmers' National Bank of Leechburg and its attorney. He belongs to the Leechburg Board of Trade. His valuable farm of fifty-two acres is situated in Burrell township, Armstrong county, while his improved real estate lies at Leechburg, Homer and Blairsville. Politically he is a Republican.

On May 15, 1900, Mr. Roberts was married to Nellie O. Coup, daughter of Wallace W. and Marion Coup, and they have four children: Harold L., Cathryn E., Floyd S. and and Marion C. Mr. Roberts and family are members of the Presbyterian Church and he is a member of the Sunday-school class that is somewhat noted as being under the instruction of Dr. J. A. Armstrong. He belongs to Leechburg Lodge, No. 577, F. & A. M.

VALENTINE NEUBERT has been in business in Kittanning for over half a century, and though he has withdrawn from active participation in affairs to some extent his holdings are so large in a number of the important manufacturing and financial concerns in the borough that he necessarily maintains a lively interest in local industrial conditions. He is a native of Germany, and his father, also named Valentine, passed about half of his life in that country, where all his seven children were born. The father learned the trade of cabinetmaker, which he followed in his native land until he brought his family to America, in 1845. They crossed the ocean from Havre, landing at New York, and though the voyage was of necessity made in a sailing vessel, it was unusually short for that time. Coming westward to Pittsburgh, Pa., the family journeyed thence by wagon to St. Mary's,

Elk county, where they made a permanent settlement, though the mother died there not long afterward, of homesickness. She was born in 1800. She was a member of the Catholic Church and was buried in the Catholic cemetery at St. Mary's, where her husband was interred many years later. He lived to the age of seventy-six years, and also died at St. Mary's, where he had a very successful business career as a contractor and builder. He was a member of the Catholic Church, and a Democrat in politics, in which, however, he took no active part.

Valentine Neubert, one of the sons of Valentine, was born in Bavaria, Aug. 21, 1836, and received his education in Germany and at St. Mary's, Pa. Being only a boy when his mother died he left home and went to live in the family of John Wilson, at Clarion, Pa., although at the time he could not talk much English. After remaining one winter there he came thence direct to Kittanning, on Jan. 13, 1849, and has resided here ever since. At that time there were no waterworks at Kittanning, and Mr. Neubert and his brother Nick, who had learned the trade of cabinetmaker with Nathaniel Henry, bought a water cart and horse and engaged in delivering water to homes and to contractors where building operations were going on. Valentine Neubert did the hauling, and was thus engaged for about two years. He was next employed to carry mail for Joseph Clark, who held the carrier contract, going horseback from Kittanning to Brookville, his route taking him through Mahoning, Red Bank Furnace, Texas, New Bethlehem, Mohneys, Greenville and Troy (now Summerville), and back from Brookville on the same road. The round trip took about three days. After about a year of this work he began to drive stage for Nick Keller, from Kittanning to Kellersburg, Armstrong county, and later he also drove stage between Brookville and Clarion and between Philipsburg and Tyrone. Returning to Kittanning, he bought out John Vorhauer, who had a hotel business in a building owned by General Orr. Mr. Neubert carried on a hotel there for many years, in 1879 moving from that location to the site on which he built what is now the "Citizens Hotel." There he continued the hotel business for eighteen years, with the success which marked him as one of the most popular hotelkeepers of Kittanning in his day. He retired from this line June 29, 1893, though he continues to own the "Citizens Hotel" property.

Meantime Mr. Neubert had acquired other interests in the borough. He was one of the organizers, in 1890, of the Safe Deposit & Title Guaranty Company, which is the second largest bank in Kittanning, and in the establishment of which he was associated with George Fox, James McCullogh, M. F. Leason and Alexander Reynolds. When Mr. Neubert and the gentlemen named erected the bank building, in 1900, it was considered far ahead of the times for a place like Kittanning, but time has proved the accuracy of their judgment as to what was required, and the bank itself holds its own among the solid financial institutions of this section. Mr. Neubert is still a heavy stockholder. He is a director of the Elk Brewing Company, of which he was president at the time the present building was constructed, and a director of the Kittanning Plate Glass Company, in which he is the heaviest stockholder; he helped to organize this concern. In company with Messrs. Leason, Buffington and Moesta, and his son Charles Neubert, Mr. Neubert organized the Manorville Coffin Manufacturing Company, and established works; this enterprise has been abandoned. He was one of the company that bought from the Baileys the Mirror Factory known as the Ford City Mirror Works, which also has since been abandoned. He was president and manager of the Rayburn and Citizens' Water Companies (both of whose plants he erected), supplying water to the courthouse at Kittanning and to Wickboro, and sold both to the present concern which has the waterworks, the Armstrong Water Company. Some years ago Mr. Neubert was interested in oil and gas wells, operating principally in Armstrong and Butler counties, Pa., and at Newport, Ohio.

For years Mr. Neubert has had valuable real estate holdings. Besides the "Citizens' Hotel" he has other extensive interests in business and residence property in Kittanning, and a considerable acreage of farm land in Armstrong county. For some time he was associated with George Fox in real estate operations in Kittanning. He moved to his present home, No. 327 North McKean street, after giving up the hotel business, building the fine modern brick residence which he and his family have since occupied. Mr. Neubert has devoted himself to business, taking no active part in public affairs, though his influence and substantial encouragement of progressive movements have done much for the welfare of the town. He has never held any office but that of member of town councils, in which he served several terms. Politically he is a Democrat.

On March 3, 1861, Mr. Neubert married Mary Miller, like himself a native of Bavaria, Germany. Her parents died in Germany, and she came to America about 1858. Mr. and Mrs. Neubert have had seven children, all born at Kittanning, namely: Charles married Virginia Hooks; Louis lives in Kittanning; Frank, unmarried, is at home; George was run over by a railroad train, dying two hours after the accident (he was twenty-four years old); Mary is the wife of H. J. Lindeman and lives at Kittanning; Annie is the widow of Harry Hague and resides with her parents; John V. is engaged in purchasing supplies for the New York Central Railroad Company (he married Frederica McConnell, and resides in New York City).

JEFFERSON REYNOLDS CHRISTY, of Manor township, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born Dec. 2, 1843. His father was John Christy, born in Beaver county, Pa., in the year 1800. He was married twice and was the father of thirteen children. He came to Armstrong county in the spring of 1833, and purchased the farm where he lived until his death in 1887, and where the subject of this sketch now resides.

Mr. Christy's mother was Sarah Ross, daughter of George and Mary Ross. She was born in 1805 and died in 1892.

In 1882 Mr. Christy married Miss Emily McCormick. They have two daughters.

Mr. Christy's parents were charter members of the Appleby Manor Presbyterian Church, his father holding the office of elder until his death. He himself has held the same office in the same church for many years.

JOHN M. ARMSTRONG, member of the Armstrong Furniture Company, of Leechburg, Armstrong county, is one of the most enterprising business men of that borough. He was born Aug. 26, 1868, at Natrona, Allegheny Co., Pa., son of Samuel S. Armstrong, and is a great-grandson of Robert Armstrong, the latter a native of the North of Ireland who came to this country and settled in Westmoreland county, Pa., about the eighteen twenties. He purchased land in Allegheny township, followed farming, and was also engaged upon the construction of the Pennsylvania canal in his section. He died upon his farm and is buried in Brookland cemetery in Allegheny township. His wife, Eleanora (McKee), who was also from the North of Ireland, is buried in the same cemetery. They had the following children: John; Alexander; Thomas; David; Jane, who married George Patterson; Margaret, who married John Bole; and Elizabeth, who married William Copeland.

John Armstrong, son of Robert, was born in Ireland in 1799. There he married Sarah Ann Armstrong (not a member of the same family), who was of Scottish descent, and they emigrated to the New World before his father came, crossing the ocean in 1826 and two years later, in 1828, settling in Westmoreland county. There he purchased a farm in Allegheny township which he paid for with his earnings as a contractor for excavation on the old Pennsylvania canal. He was a man of fair education for his day and appreciated the advantages of schools, and he gave all his children good opportunities. He was a strict member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and was bitterly opposed to human servitude, so much so that he would not identify himself with either of the great political parties of his day because slavery was tolerated in this country and sanctioned in some measure by both. He was very well known in his section. A few years before his death he removed to Leechburg, Armstrong county, where he died in 1872. His wife died in 1877 in her seventy-fifth year. Both are buried in the Brookland cemetery in Allegheny township, Westmoreland county. They had the following children: Eleanora married Hugh McElroy; Adam C. served as a member of the House of Representatives from Kentucky, was principal of an academy in that State and also served as superintendent of schools in Bracken county, Ky. (he was accidentally killed in that State); Robert was a farmer in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he died; David, an artist by profession, died in Westmoreland county in 1909; Elizabeth (deceased) married Hiram Steele; John A. is a resident of Leechburg, Pa.; Sarah A. (deceased) was the wife of James G. Bole; Samuel S. is mentioned below; Mary J. married Milton Free, who is deceased; Margaret married William J. Sproull, of Parnassus, Pa., who is deceased.

Samuel S. Armstrong, son of John, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and there passed the greater part of his life. In his early manhood he was engaged in the drug business, but later took up farming, upon the old Armstrong homestead, where he remained for many years. He is now living in retirement at New Kensington, Pa. He married Martha J. Blackwood, who was born in Har-

rison county, Ohio, and she lived to the age of sixty-six years, dying Oct. 23, 1906; she is buried in the Brookland cemetery in Westmoreland county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong had a family of seven children: Robert A. (deceased), John M., U. S. A. (living at New Kensington), Anna V. (married to J. J. Glenn, and residing at Prospect, Butler Co., Pa.), Elizabeth E. (deceased), Ira B. (deceased) and Hugh M. (living at Grand Junction, Colo.).

John M. Armstrong attended what was known as the old Irishtown school in Allegheny township, Westmoreland county, and was at home with his father until he reached the age of twenty-two years. He then traveled for two years as a salesman, after which he returned to the home farm and engaged in the dairy business. His next venture was at Leechburg, Pa., where he opened a milk depot and confectionery store, later adding groceries to the stock. He continued to carry on this business until 1900, when he entered into a partnership with his cousin, R. M. Armstrong, and embarked in the furniture business at Leechburg, their establishment being on Market street. Mr. Armstrong then took a course in embalming at a Pittsburgh college, graduating in April, 1900, thus preparing himself for the undertaking branch of the business of the firm. It was first known as J. M. & R. M. Armstrong, and three years after it was founded A. M. Armstrong, brother of R. M., was admitted, since when the style has been the Armstrong Furniture Company. The store is stocked with high-grade goods, and they enjoy a large trade in both branches, having established themselves thoroughly in the confidence of all classes of the community. They have all the latest appliances for up-to-date undertaking, and Mr. John M. Armstrong, who looks after that part of the work, is thoroughly reliable and trustworthy. He is a member of both the State and National Funeral Directors' Associations, has been very active in those bodies, and in 1910, at Altoona, Pa., was elected second vice president of the State organization; at Harrisburg, Pa., in June, 1913, he was elected State president. His business ability is unquestioned, and his standing is unimpeachable. The firm has another store at Vandergrift, in Westmoreland.

Mr. Armstrong married Minnie Blair, of McKeesport, Pa., daughter of Joseph Blair, at one time a contractor and builder of McKeesport, where he is now living retired; his wife's name was Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong have had children as follows: Martha B. (deceased), Laroka Eleanor, Elizabeth Viola and John Bruce. Mr. Armstrong is an active member of the United Presbyterian Church, and has a young men's class in the Sunday school. He is a Republican in politics, but not active in party affairs.

PROF. FRANK W. GOODWIN, one of the best known educators of Armstrong county, was born March 14, 1869, in Venango county, Pa., son of Ira and Mary (Alcorn) Goodwin.

John Goodwin, founder of the family in America, was born in Ayr, Scotland, and came to the United States about 1810, locating at Columbus, Ohio, where he engaged in the stock business, buying and selling all kinds of stock for many years.

Daniel Goodwin, son of John, was born at Columbus, Ohio, and like his father was a stock dealer. Subsequently he transferred his headquarters from Columbus to Cooperstown, Pa. He then embarked in the iron and mercantile business, and became a land agent, buying large tracts of land. The old homestead in Plum township, Venango Co., Pa., now owned by the sons of Ira, was a portion of the land he purchased when he was land agent.

Ira Goodwin, son of Daniel, was born on the Goodwin farm in Plum township, Venango Co., Pa., in 1841, and followed farming from the time he attained maturity. He and his wife became the parents of three children: Frank W., and Daniel and Andrew, who are twins. Daniel Goodwin is a lawyer and district attorney at Oil City, Pa., while Andrew is a physician at the same place. The parents early united with the Methodist Church.

Frank W. Goodwin attended public school in Venango county, later entering the Edinboro State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1889. He was also graduated from Grove City College, in 1895, and took postgraduate courses at Harvard and Oxford, England, and has kept up his studies unceasingly. Professor Goodwin taught public school in several districts and then for eight years was a member of the faculty of the State Normal School located at Edinboro, Pa. Locating at Kittanning, he became superintendent of the Kittanning public schools in 1907. Being very progressive in his ideas, and a man of broad views, he has materially raised the standard of his schools, and brought them to a high state of excellence. Not only is he well equipped for his profes-

sional duties by careful training and wide experience, but he loves his work and takes a pride in its quality.

In August, 1904, Professor Goodwin was married to Flora B. Thompson, daughter of John Thompson, of Meadville, Pa. Prof. Goodwin belongs to Blue Lodge No. 416, F. & A. M., Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M., Rose Croix Commandery, No. 38, and Pittsburgh Consistory. Not only is he one of the best educators Armstrong county has ever possessed, but he is also an attorney, having studied law and been admitted to the bar, although never engaged in active practice. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is superintendent of the Sunday school.

ROBERT P. O'BRIEN, chemical expert, of Freeport, Pa., was born Dec. 26, 1860, in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, son of Patrick and Jane (Benton) O'Brien.

Patrick O'Brien was born in Dublin, Ireland, as was also his wife. In 1848, before his marriage, he came to America, and after he married settled at Kalamazoo, Mich., where he built and operated a distillery in 1849. Continuing it for three years, he sold out, and going to Sandusky, Ohio, built another. He associated himself with C. S. Watson and J. B. McKee, under the firm name of the Wyandotte Distilling Company, from which concern he withdrew in 1858, afterward conducting a distillery for A. Guckenheimer, who had plants at Delphos, Ohio, Cleveland and elsewhere. In 1872 he came to Freeport, Pa., where he was made superintendent of the Guckenheimer plant, and thus continued until 1885, when he retired. Going back to Ohio, he bought a large farm which he conducted upon scientific principles, to further the development of agricultural work in that State, experimenting with the object of increasing its farm products from year to year. He proved conclusively that it was possible to control the yield of certain crops definitely, and in all of his chemical experiments with soils and fertilizers, had the cooperation of the professors of the agricultural department of the State university. Extensive plans were made to experiment fully along many lines, but before they could be put into working execution Mr. O'Brien's health failed, and he died in 1902. Prior to coming to this country he had had an exhaustive experience in some of the leading distilleries in Dublin, Ireland, and was already an expert in his line. His knowledge of this work fitted him for scientific experiments, in which he took great pleasure. Although he was cut off in the midst of his usefulness he accomplished much. Nine children were born to him and his wife, seven of whom survive, Robert P. O'Brien being the fourth child in order of birth. In religious faith Mr. O'Brien was a Catholic.

Robert P. O'Brien attended grammar and high school, and later Notre Dame University, at South Bend, Ind., from 1877 to 1880. He also took a special course in the law department of that university after finishing his scientific studies. Having been prepared especially for work as a chemical expert, he was called to Freeport to become connected with the Guckenheimer distillery, the largest of its kind in America. Mr. O'Brien was made superintendent and chemist for this concern in 1885, since which time he has rendered invaluable service to the company, and developed into one of the leading chemical experts of the country. So widespread is his reputation for thorough knowledge in all matters pertaining to such questions that the government has acted upon his judgment at times. Dr. Wiley, late head of the national pure food commission, often consulted with Mr. O'Brien upon important matters which arose in his department, knowing that the opinion he secured would be authoritative. For years Mr. O'Brien has been called upon to give expert testimony in vital cases where reliable judgment was needed. He is constantly experimenting along new lines.

On Sept. 17, 1885, Mr. O'Brien was married (first) in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and five children were born to him and his wife Alice: Carl A., born Aug. 13, 1886; Helen J., March 2, 1888; Gertrude Elizabeth, Oct. 26, 1890; Robert A., born Dec. 13, 1892, and Kathleen, Oct. 17, 1899. Mrs. O'Brien died Aug. 19, 1908. On Oct. 26, 1910, Mr. O'Brien was married (second) to a widow, daughter of Capt. John H. Nogle, who served as captain during the Civil war.

HARRY R. GAULT, one of the progressive, public-spirited men of Armstrong county, and a prosperous citizen of Kittanning, was born in 1864 at Allegheny City, Pa. He is a son of James and Emma Gault. Educated in the public schools of Kittanning and Media Academy, at Media, Pa., Mr. Gault entered his father's department store as a clerk. After a short time he was placed in charge of the grocery department, a responsible position for one of so little experience, for the Gault department store was the first of its kind in Kit-

tanning, and the pioneer in the adoption of the cash system.

In 1910 the firm was incorporated as J. A. Gault & Co., general merchandise and department store, and Harry R. Gault was made general manager. This is the largest store of its kind in Kittanning, and under the energetic management of Mr. Gault its affairs are now in a very gratifying condition. He is acknowledged as one of the progressive young business men of Armstrong county, and in 1906 his prominence in the business world was recognized by his being made president of the Board of Trade of Kittanning. In 1911 he was one of the organizers and an active member of the business men's exchange of the borough.

In 1906 Mr. Gault became one of the promoters of the town of Templeton, he having bought the land and laid out the place. Selling the lots at a reasonable price, he brought to it substantial homemakers, who are interested in its development. This town is now in a thriving condition. In this same locality there is a large bed of clay well adapted for brick manufacturing, and Mr. Gault has developed a thriving brick industry here. He also opened up a good bed of limestone, under the name of the Templeton Limestone Company, which furnishes the limestone in large quantities for fluxing furnaces. This is the first industry of its kind in Armstrong county, and its success and development are largely due to Mr. Gault's foresight and energy. Mr. Gault is also president (elected 1913) of the Armstrong Trust Company, a director of the Farmers' National Bank, and interested in many enterprises which tend toward the moral and material uplift of Kittanning and Armstrong county.

Fraternally an enthusiastic Mason, he is a member of Blue Lodge No. 244, Orient Chapter, No. 247, Tancred Commandery of Pittsburgh, and the Consistory of the Valley of Condersport, having attained the thirty-second degree. For some years he has been a member of the Washington Township Grange of Armstrong county. He is treasurer of the building fund of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a consistent member, and also serves as trustee.

In 1891 Mr. Gault was married to Retta Titzell, daughter of Andrew Titzell, of Kittanning. Three children have been born to them: James, Margaret and Harry.

SNYDER. The Snyder family is of German origin, and its members possess those sterling traits so characteristic of their race. Pennsylvania is the State selected for their place of residence, and they have been associated with much of the growth and development of their several communities. It is such men as these who are the great backbone of a nation's prosperity.

John Snyder was a native of Germany, who, coming to Pennsylvania from his own country in 1832, settled with his family at Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where he spent two years. In the fall of 1834 he bought a tract of land in Ringgold township, Jefferson Co., Pa., on which property he farmed until his death, which occurred in 1852. His children were: Catherine, who married John Fries; Walter, who died in Jefferson county; Conrad; John Y., who died in Jefferson county; and Casper, who died in the same county, on a portion of the old homestead.

Conrad Snyder, son of John Snyder, was born in Germany Jan. 15, 1815, and came to America with his parents in 1832. He spent some time in Jefferson county, but after his marriage settled in Boggs township, Armstrong county. In 1842 he bought a tract of land from General Orr, and lived upon it until March 13, 1856, when he purchased 220 acres of valuable land from John McCawley, a portion of which is included in the present site of Snyderville. Mr. Snyder cleared off a portion of this farm, and became a successful man, although his operations were not confined to agricultural lines, for he and his son, John G., opened the first store in Snyderville, conducting it from 1877 to 1882 under the firm name of C. Snyder & Son. Snyderville was named for this sturdy old German-American, and he had the honor of being its first postmaster, the office being known as Muff. Mr. Snyder sold his business in 1882, to S. M. Lewis.

Conrad Snyder married (first) Elizabeth Bargerstock, daughter of John Bargerstock, and she died in 1852, mother of the following children: Catherine, Sarah A., John G. and Casper. Mr. Snyder then married (second) Catherine Fishel, daughter of Samuel Fishel, and they had two children: A daughter who died in infancy; and William F., a merchant of Snyderville, mentioned below.

Politically Conrad Snyder was a Democrat. Active in the work of the Lutheran Church, he was one of its most consistent members. His death occurred June 17, 1900, and he left a large estate to be divided among his chil-

dren, as well as an untarnished name and a record of stainless honor as a more lasting heritage.

JOHN G. SNYDER, a farmer of Wayne township, son of Conrad Snyder, was born in 1848 in Boggs township, on the farm bought from General Orr. He was reared upon this property, and from 1877 to 1882 was in business with his father, under the style of C. Snyder & Son. After the store was sold Mr. Snyder began farming on 129 acres of land, a portion of the old homestead. Outside of his agricultural interests, he is engaged in wagonmaking at Snyderville. He is fortunate enough to have three gas wells upon his farm, which is underlaid with a valuable vein of soft coal. This farm is recognized as one of the best in the entire township, and Mr. Snyder takes a pride in keeping it up in every respect, for he recognizes the need of constant supervision.

John G. Snyder was married to Mary A. Rupp, a daughter of Adam and Rosanna (Hartzel) Rupp, and they are the parents of the following named children: Edwin C., who is living in Virginia; Annie M., who died when three years old; Alice A., who married Marion Skinner; George H., who lives in Armstrong county; Miles L., who is the blacksmith at Snyderville; Clara C., who died in January, 1907; John S., who is at home, as are Mary O. and Cora C., while Ethel M. and Hazel L. are at school.

Mr. Snyder is a Democrat, and for nine years served very acceptably as township auditor, and in 1911 was elected for a six-year term as school director of his township. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, of which he has been trustee for the last fifteen years, and he is one of the most reliable and highly respected men of his community, where his name carries much weight.

WILLIAM F. SNYDER, son of Conrad Snyder, and half-brother of John G. Snyder, a merchant of Snyderville, was born Nov. 15, 1858, at Snyderville. He is the only living child of his father's second marriage. Mr. Snyder attended the local schools, and remained at home, engaged in farming with his father, until he was twenty-three years old. At this time he began learning blacksmithing at Snyderville, and followed that trade for ten years, but in 1890 embarked in his present enterprise, having bought out S. M. Lewis, who had succeeded to the business founded by his father and brother, so that the store is again operated by a Snyder. Since then Mr. Snyder has devoted his attention to his mercantile interests and the duties of postmaster (as long as the office existed), having been appointed to that office on Jan. 29, 1892, when it was still known as Muff. An interesting story is told regarding the naming of the office. One cold day a lady came into the store with a muff, at a time when a discussion was being held as to an appropriate name for the proposed post office. Old Squire John Steele, seeing the lady and the muff, suggested Muff as a name, and it was sent to Washington as the people's choice. The Department accepted the name, and so the post office was known until it was discontinued, in March, 1908, the people in this section now being served by the rural free delivery carrier from Echo.

William F. Snyder married Mary Rupp, daughter of Francis and Sarah (Bittinger) Rupp, and the following children have been born of this marriage: Harvey C., of Pittsburgh; William F., of Steubenville, Ohio; and Guy K., who is assisting his father in the store.

For years a member of the Lutheran Church, Mr. Snyder is active in its good work. He has served as tax collector of his township, being elected on the Democratic ticket, and he has also been township clerk and supervisor. At present he is secretary of the local telephone line in this district, and is recognized as one of the leading business men of the township.

JOHN M. PETTIGREW, M. D., late of Rural Valley, was one of the foremost citizens and medical practitioners of that part of Armstrong county for many years. Born in Indiana county, Pa., Feb. 28, 1835, he was a son of Matthew and Jane (Windrem) Pettigrew, and grandson of John Pettigrew, a farmer of Ireland.

Matthew Pettigrew was born in 1801. When a young man he settled in Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, where he followed farming until his death. He died in 1887, in his eighty-sixth year. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religious connection a member of the Presbyterian Church. He married Jane Windrem, daughter of James Windrem, of Plum Creek township, the latter a native of Ireland; Mr. Windrem was a Democrat and Presbyterian. To Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew were born seven children, and we have record of John M.; Sarah, who married James Sturgeon and lived in Elderton; James W., who settled on the homestead farm in Plum Creek township; Martha, who married Josiah

Shoemaker, a farmer of Kiskiminetas township and Samuel H., who graduated from Jefferson Medical College and became a practicing physician at DuBois, Pennsylvania.

John M. Pettigrew grew to manhood on his father's farm, meantime obtaining his early education in the common schools of the locality and Glade Run Academy. He read medicine with Dr. T. H. Allison, of Elderton, and then entered the National Medical College, Washington, D. C., from which he was graduated in 1860. Returning to Pennsylvania he practiced at Elderton, Armstrong county, for some time, thence moving to Rural Valley, where he passed the remainder of his days. He had an extensive practice, covering the eastern part of Armstrong county and reaching out into Indiana county. Dr. Pettigrew, outside of his professional work, was particularly interested in the raising of blooded stock, horses, cattle and Merino sheep, making a specialty of Jersey cattle and Dolphin and Hambletonian horses. He acquired large land holdings, owning some seven hundred acres in Cowanshannock and adjoining townships, and had an interest in a lumber company. Dr. Pettigrew died at his home in Rural Valley Dec. 21, 1897.

Dr. Pettigrew was a Mason, belonging to Kittanning Lodge, No. 244, F. & A. M., at Kittanning, and he was also an Odd Fellow, holding membership in Rural Valley Lodge, No. 766. In political sentiment he was a Democrat, but he took no part in party affairs, declining a nomination for representative. However, he served as school director of the borough.

On Feb. 20, 1863, Dr. Pettigrew married Cordelia R. McCurdy, daughter of John McCurdy, of Wayne township, and nine children were born to them, three sons and six daughters: Delia J., who married B. F. Ambrose, a teacher and telegraph operator of Iowa; Matthew M., deceased; Charlotte M., who graduated from the Edinboro normal school and was a teacher at Rural Valley before her marriage to Dr. Samuel E. Ambrose, of Rural Valley; John M., deceased; Minnie M.; Mary, deceased; Blanche M.; Martha M., and Bernard Clare. Mrs. Pettigrew still resides at the old home in Rural Valley.

HARRY REYNOLDS, proprietor of the Reynolds Hotel at Kittanning, was born Oct. 6, 1854, the son of Absalom Reynolds, and grandson of David Reynolds. A somewhat lengthy account of David Reynolds and his father, George Reynolds, appears elsewhere in this work.

David Reynolds was one of the early settlers of Kittanning, and a pioneer hotel man, being the first in the place to provide public accommodation for strangers; he applied for his license at the first court held in Kittanning. His house, known as the "Kittanning Inn," was visited by many men of importance in the State. Judge George Ross stayed there when court was in session. Mr. Reynolds not only became wealthy, owning large tracts of land outside the city, but was also prominent in public life. There are few men whose names are held in higher esteem than his, and he earned the right to be numbered among the leading men of his time and locality. Energetic and public-spirited, he served with dignified capability in many of the local offices, and gave distinction to the Whig party, of which he was an ardent supporter. He was one of the first county commissioners, and for some years was postmaster of Kittanning, during its earlier history. His first wife was Mary Woodward, second daughter of a distinguished pioneer, Absalom Woodward, and the second, Jane Ross, daughter of Judge George Ross.

Absalom Reynolds was born at Kittanning in 1818, and was a son of his father's first marriage. He inherited the hotel property, and for many years was the proprietor of the "Reynolds Hotel." In political faith he was a Republican, filling several important offices, among them that of county treasurer. He was assistant postmaster under his father. Like his father he was a man of high standing and wide influence, and associated with important affairs. He married Margaret Heiner Mechling, daughter of Sheriff John Mechling and his wife Ann Eliza (Heiner), whose father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Reynolds was born in 1825 and died in 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds became the parents of the following children: Anna, who died when nineteen years of age; Edwin, who died when six years old; Harry; and Jessie, the wife of Tyson Hileman.

Harry Reynolds was reared in Kittanning, receiving his early education in the grammar and high schools of the city, and later attended the Edgwood Boarding School, at New Brighton, Pa., and finally the college preparatory school at Princeton, N. J., which later was removed to Merchantville, near Camden. He has taken up the business of his father and grandfather, and for over thirty-one years has owned and operated the hotel

that bears the family name. His grandfather's old clock (wall sweep) still used in the hotel is a historic timepiece, for by it the sittings of the court were timed in the early days when the hotel was known as the "Kittanning Inn," the janitor or court crier coming over from the courthouse—then directly opposite the "Inn," which stood on the site now occupied by the "Reynolds Hotel"—to get the time to ring his bell for the opening of court. The clock even occupies the same location. Mr. Reynolds also owns a desk on one drawer of which is written and signed: "This desk was the first piece of furniture made in Kittanning, and was made in the year 1804, by Isaac Townsend." Mr. Reynolds is a member of the B. P. O. Elks, belonging to Lodge No. 203, Kittanning.

In 1876 Harry Reynolds married Sarah A. Reynolds, daughter of William Reynolds, who married a Welty. They have one child, Margaret, now the wife of Philip S. Merrill, president of the George B. Merrill, Jr., Lumber Company, of Jackson, Miss., and son of George B. Merrill, of Williamsport, Pa., founder of that company. Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Merrill have three children living: George B., Jr., Harry Reynolds and Philip S., Jr.

WILLIAM GILLIS, late a resident of Valley township, Armstrong county, was for a number of years engaged in business there as a woolen manufacturer, and he was prominently identified with the township government, serving his fellow citizens in many official capacities. Mr. Gillis was a native of Bucks county, Pa., born Nov. 14, 1808, son of Joseph Gillis and grandson of William Gillis. The family is of Irish origin.

William Gillis, the grandfather, had the following children: Nancy, Mrs. McKnight, Violet, Mrs. Lockheart; Joseph; and John. All came to America.

Joseph Gillis, son of William, was born in Ireland and was married there to Margaret Hamilton, also a native of that country. Coming to America they made their home at Philadelphia, where Mr. Gillis was engaged as a merchant and weaver. In his later years he would recount the story of the first train of cars which entered the city, and which was drawn in by horses, as the people were afraid some one would be run over, or that the sparks from the engine would set fire to buildings. He was a Whig in politics, and held some offices in the city. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gillis in Ireland, but it died while they were on the ocean on their way to this country and was buried at sea. The following children were born to them after their arrival in this country: Andy, Joseph, William, James, Sarah Jane, Margaret and Mary, all now deceased.

William Gillis received his early education in the common schools, such as they were in his day, and later attended a commercial school at night. He learned the trade of woolen manufacturer on Cobb creek, fourteen miles from Philadelphia, under the instruction of Dennis Kelley. After following this work in Philadelphia for a time he became manager of the woolen mills at Craigsville, Armstrong county, and next ran a woolen factory in Pine Creek (now Boggs) township, for Major White, with whom he remained about two years. He then bought a tract of eleven acres on Pine creek, in Valley township, where he established a home and passed the remainder of his life. He erected a mill 30 by 30 feet in dimensions, three stories high, run by waterpower, and enjoyed a prosperous trade, doing custom work as well as manufacturing for the general market. He took the wool as it came from the sheep's back, and turned out the finished product, cloth and other woolen productions. The mill is now a picturesque ruin. As he prospered, Mr. Gillis bought a farm, and he was ranked among the substantial men of his locality. He was quite active in politics, supporting what he knew to be the best men and measures in local affairs, and the Republican ticket on national issues. He held almost all of the township offices, was the first president of the election board of Valley township, was particularly active on the school board, and acted as justice of the peace for many years. In religious connection he was a member of the German Reformed Church, to which his wife also belonged.

On Feb. 14, 1832, Mr. Gillis was married in Philadelphia to Mary McMullen, who was born Sept. 15, 1811, and died July 21, 1897. He passed away Jan. 7, 1900. They had the following children: (1) James Hamilton, born Sept. 14, 1833, died in March, 1901. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served in the 9th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He married Mary Jane Davis, who survives him, and they had children: James M., now deceased; Eliza, deceased; William L.; H. Lincoln; Grant; Samuel, deceased; Joseph, deceased; Charles F.; and Clarence. (2) Eliza Jane, born May 29, 1836, has never married, and she and her sister Margaret live on the

old home place at the mill in Valley township. (3) Sarah Ann, born July 1, 1838, is the widow of Joseph Shannon, who died Aug. 22, 1882. They had these children: Mary A., William T., James M., Harry C., and Margaret, the last named deceased. (4) William B., born March 18, 1840, served during the Civil war in the 9th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He married Virginia Crawford, and they reside in Fayette county, Pa. They have had a family of six children: Harry, Minnie, Ore, Lizzie (deceased), Theodore and Mary. (5) Mary Frances, born May 27, 1841, married William McKinzie, a veteran of the Civil war, and both are now deceased, her death occurring in May, 1909. They had one child, Joseph, who is deceased. (6) Margaret Olive, born March 9, 1844, has never married, and lives with her sister at the old home. (7) Phoebe Isabella, born Aug. 13, 1845, is the widow of Fred A. Snyder, who died at Cygnet, Ohio, in September, 1897, aged fifty-six years, and she makes her home at Muncie, Ill. They had the following children: Maude, May, William, Emma (deceased), Mary (deceased), Theodore and Harry. (8) John, born Jan. 16, 1847, died March 1, 1848. (9) Martha Ann, born April 23, 1851, married Robert P. McCoy in 1869, and six children were born to them, Mary Eliza (born May 23, 1870, now deceased), W. H. (born March 11, 1873, deceased), Olive B. (born Nov. 1, 1875), Guy Wayne (born Jan. 9, 1878), R. Alice (born June 26, 1880) and Maude Eliza (born April 26, 1883). The father died June 13, 1893, and Mrs. McCoy subsequently married William Holmes, of Boggs township, by whom she has no children. (10) Joseph W., born Oct. 1, 1854, lives on part of his father's farm.

John McMullen, father of Mrs. Mary (McMullen) Gillis, was a son of Reynold and Ann (Buchanan) McMullen, of Ireland, the former of whom was a landowner, and was the only one of their family to come to America. He was married in Ireland in 1814 and coming to America not long afterward settled in Philadelphia, where he resided the remainder of his days. He was a mason and contractor. His wife, Frances (Cloose), was also born in Ireland, daughter of John Cloose, a country gentleman, who was a landowner and office holder in Ireland. Frances had but one sister, Kate. John and Frances (Cloose) McMullen had three children, Mary (Mrs. Gillis), Robert and Ann.

Joseph W. Gillis, who is engaged in farming and sawmilling in Valley township, was the youngest of the family of the late William and Mary (McMullen) Gillis. He was born in Armstrong county Oct. 1, 1854, and there received his education in the common schools. After his marriage he settled upon the farm belonging to his father, a tract of thirty-six acres in Valley township, which he now owns, and he has since added to his holdings another tract of forty acres. He has improved the property in many ways, carries on general farming, owns and operates a sawmill. He is also interested in stock raising, being a very successful breeder of Angora goats. There is a good gas well on the farm, in operation, and altogether Mr. Gillis has enough irons in the fire to keep him busy and to show that he is a man of energetic and enterprising disposition. He is courteous by nature and pleasant to meet, and is favorably known among a wide circle of neighbors and friends. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.

In 1885 Mr. Gillis married Sarah Hill, who was born March 6, 1860, and they have become the parents of six children: Maud, born Oct. 11, 1886, was married Feb. 19, 1910, to D. I. Himes, of New Kingston, Pa.; Icey Dell was born Jan. 11, 1888; James H., born Dec. 13, 1890, was married May 10, 1911, to Maggie Yokey; Mary May was born April 21, 1892; William L., May 10, 1896; Hobart G., Feb. 27, 1898.

SAMUEL E. AMBROSE, M. D., of Rural Valley, Armstrong county, has lived in that locality from youth and has a high personal and professional reputation in the community where he has found his life work. Aside from his duties as a physician he has interested himself in many things affecting the general welfare, and his work has been highly appreciated by his fellow citizens, who recognize his worth in all the relations of life.

Mathew Ambrose, the Doctor's grandfather, was an early settler in what is now East Franklin township, Armstrong county, and was killed when a young man. His widow moved out to Illinois, where she passed the remainder of her life. Their children were John, Frank and Joseph R.

Joseph R. Ambrose, son of Mathew, was born in East Franklin township, and there followed farming for some years. Removing to Cowanshannock township in 1874, he settled one mile west of Rural Valley, and farmed there until ten years before his death. He then made his home in the town of Rural Valley, where he died Jan. 16, 1910, at the

age of seventy years. He is buried there. Mr. Ambrose married Margaret A. Dougherty, daughter of Robert Dougherty, who was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: Thomas H.; Benjamin F.; Samuel E.; Grant W.; Margaret J., who died Nov. 15, 1907; Laura K., married to G. L. Stewart, D. D. S., of Rural Valley; and James G. The mother of this family died Dec. 5, 1897, and was buried at the West Glade Run Church in East Franklin township.

Samuel E. Ambrose was born June 23, 1864, at Kittanning, Armstrong county, and received his early education in the public schools, attending at Rural Valley after the family moved to Cowanshannock township, and later becoming a pupil at the aademy there. He also went to the Glade Run Academy for one term, and then attended school at Edinboro, Erie county, for one year. Returning home he took up school teaching, which he followed for six years in Cowanshannock township and one term in Allegheny township. For a year after this experience he was a student at Grove City College, and in the fall of 1895 entered Baltimore Medical College, where he took the full course, graduating in the spring of 1898. He began independent practice in September of that year, at Rural Valley, where he has since been successfully engaged. He merits the large patronage which he has enjoyed, for he has worked hard to give his patients conscientious attention and to maintain the high standards of his profession. He is pension examiner at Dayton for his district, and is a member in good standing of the Armstrong County Medical Society and the State Medical Society. As a public-spirited citizen he has taken part in many movements calculated to promote the general good, and he has been directly interested in several undertakings affecting the material welfare of the town and vicinity. In 1903 he was one of the organizers of the Rural Valley National Bank, and in 1908 was elected a director of that institution. He is also a director of the Johnston-Beyer Hardware Company of Rural Valley, a substantial commercial house of that place.

Dr. Ambrose married Charlotte M. Pettigrew, daughter of Dr. John M. Pettigrew. They have no children. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church and among its active workers, he serving at present as trustee. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. He is serving as one of the school directors of the borough, and has acted for many years as president of the school board.

JAMES G. ALLISON, M. D., of McCain, in Manor township, Armstrong county, has been practicing at that location since 1899 and has been following his profession in this county ever since his graduation from medical college. He was born Dec. 13, 1867, in Center township, Butler Co., Pa., in which county both his parents, William and Rachel (Gilland) Allison, were born and reared. The father is still residing there; he has been a farmer all his life. The mother died in the year 1905.

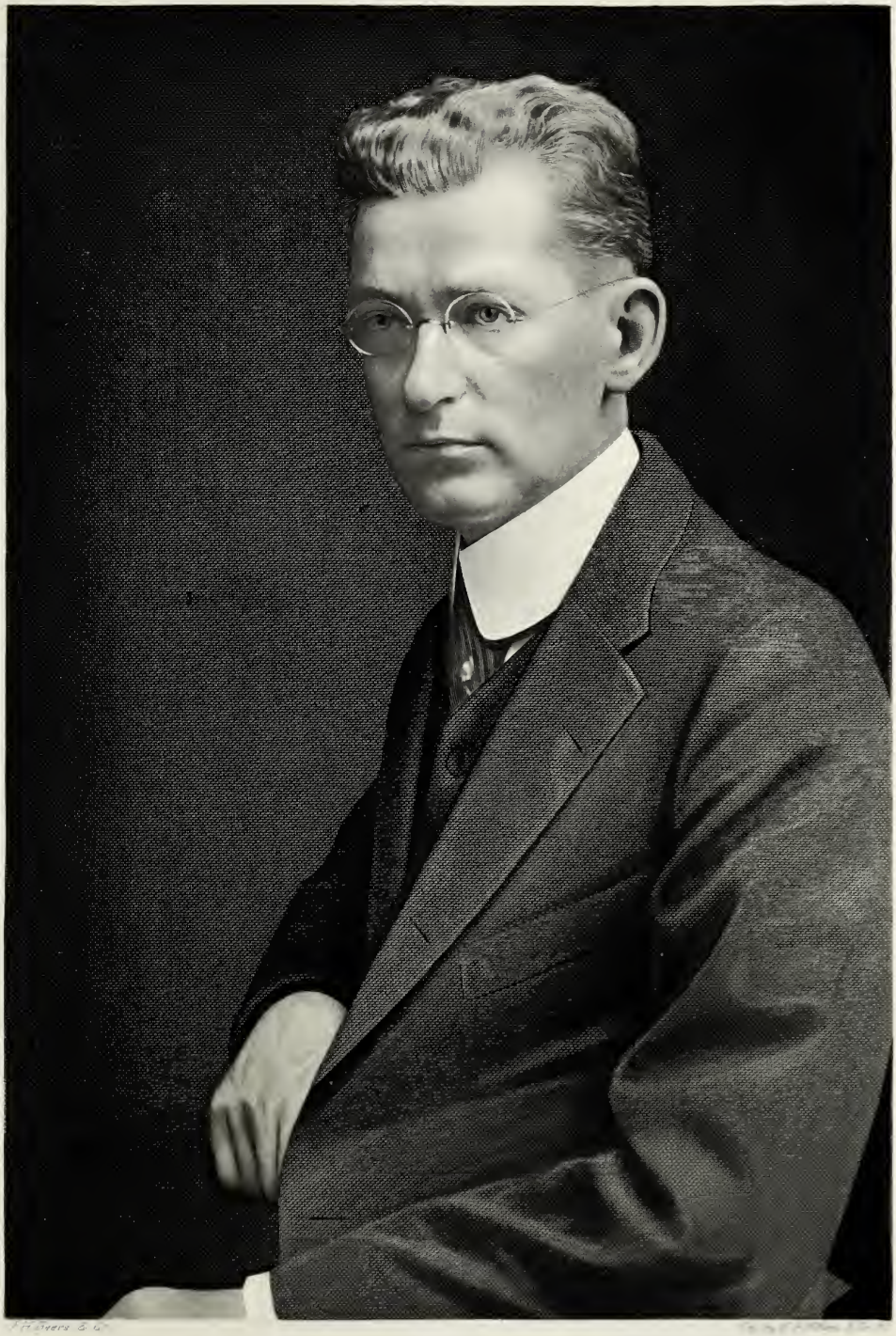
James G. Allison attended public school in Butler county and the academy at West Sunbury, after which he entered Westminster College, at New Wilmington, Pa., leaving that institution in 1891. That year he became a student at the University of Wooster, in Ohio, remaining there one year, after which he took up his medical studies in Baltimore (Md.) Medical College, completing the course in the spring of 1895. He began practice that year at Slate Lick, Armstrong Co., Pa., in partnership with Dr. J. C. McKee, with whom he was associated for three and a half years, in 1899 locating at McCain, in Manor township, where he has since resided. He has been quite prominent among his fellow practitioners in this section, having served as president of the Armstrong County Medical Society, and he is also a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. Dr. Allison has built up a large practice, and stands high in the confidence of his fellow citizens in all the relations of life. He is a member and elder of the United Presbyterian Church at Kittanning. In fraternal connection he is an Odd Fellow.

In 1898 Dr. Allison married Elizabeth Ferguson, daughter of Thomas Ferguson, and they have a family of three children: Mary, James and William T.

JOSEPH M. STEIM, M. D., of Kittanning, is the son of Richard A. and Ella M. Steim, born July 15, 1877.

Richard A. Steim, the father, a resident of Kittanning since childhood, is widely known as a progressive hotel owner and a successful coal operator. He married Ella M. Mefford, a native of Armstrong county, daughter of Milton Mefford, and they have three children, Joseph M., Richard D. and Charity Marie.

Dr. Joseph M. Steim received his early education at the public schools of Kittanning,



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W. (4) Margaret, born Dec. 29, 1783, married Eliphalet Irwin, and had children: Hannah, Jane, Mary, John, James, Samuel, William, Marshall, Benjamin and Joseph. (5) John, born Dec. 25, 1785, first learned the hatter's trade, but he later took up farming. He married Jane Stewart and they had two children, John S. and Sarah. (6) Scott, born May 10, 1788, served in the war of 1812. He married Jane McClure and they had children: William C., John M., Jane S., Samuel, Eliza, Maria and Thomas H. (7) James, born July 20, 1790, married Martha Kirkpatrick, who died Feb. 17, 1832, the mother of four children, John, William K., Martha H. and Margaret K. By his second marriage, to Mrs. Martha (McConnell) Stewart, he had nine children, David M., Jane S., James, Samuel P., Prudence, Thomas E., Elizabeth, Mary and Amanda. (8) Samuel, born Oct. 29, 1792, died Jan 4, 1881. He is mentioned at length elsewhere in this work. (9) Mary, born Nov. 29, 1794, married William Cochran, a native of Armstrong county, Pa., and had a large family: Nancy, Jane, Eliza M., John, Mary, William M., James L., Samuel, Robert, David Sloan, Levi and Sarah Ellen.

(II) James Marshall, second son of William and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Marshall, was born in 1752. He emigrated to western Pennsylvania when a young man, and is buried at Ebenezer, Indiana county. He died Jan. 27, 1807. In 1785 he married Elizabeth Whiteside, who was born in 1764, and died in 1788. She is buried at the Sewickley settlement. She left two daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth. In 1796 he married for his second wife Margaret Thompson, who was born April 13, 1764, and died Oct. 2, 1832; she is buried at the Glade Run cemetery in Armstrong county.

(II) Margaret Marshall, only daughter of William and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Marshall, was born in 1754, and in 1770 became the wife of Thomas McGaughey. He was a native of Scotland, born in 1746. They had eight sons: John, William (died young), Thomas, Alexander, James, Archibald, Samuel and William (2).

(II) William Marshall, third son of William and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Marshall, was born June 3, 1756, and married Catherine Wilson in 1779. Moving to western Pennsylvania, they settled on a tract of land in what is now Black Lick township, Indiana county, but being unable to secure a title to this property they moved in 1803 to Armstrong county, making their home in what is now Wayne township. They were the first white settlers in that region, and they had no neighbors within five miles. The location was on Glade run, on what is now the site of the Dayton fair grounds, and Mr. Marshall cleared land and built a cabin. In 1813 he moved with his family to the place where the home of his son William, afterward stood, built a house, and there passed the remainder of his days. Here he died April 28, 1831, and he was buried in the Glade Run cemetery. He was one of the organizers and first elders of the first Presbyterian Church established at Glade Run, near Dayton, and in his barn was preached the first sermon ever delivered in the neighborhood. Mrs. Marshall, who died in 1817, is buried upon the farm of Benjamin Irwin in Wayne township. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall had a family of nine children: Joseph, Elizabeth (or Betsy, Mrs. McClelland), Margaret (Mrs. Benjamin Urban or Irwin), Mary (or Polly, Mrs. Abel Finley), William, John, James, Robert and Samuel.

(II) Archibald Marshall, fourth son of William and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Marshall, was born March 29, 1762, and in 1787 married Margaret Wilson, half-sister of Catherine, his brother William's wife. About 1800 they moved out to western Pennsylvania, and some time later settled in Armstrong county, near Dayton. He died in 1835, his wife in 1837. They had the following children: Catherine, William, Joseph, John (born in 1794, who married Elizabeth Stewart), Margaret, Archibald, James and Samuel.

(II) Samuel Marshall, youngest son of William and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Marshall, married Mary Sterling May 26, 1791, and they resided in Indiana county, Pa. Their children were: Mary, Walter, Joseph, Elizabeth, Jane, William S. and Sarah (twins), Archibald, Samuel S., Rebecca and John.

(III) Robert Marshall, son of William and Catherine (Wilson) Marshall, was born Aug. 19, 1799, in what is now Indiana (then Westmoreland) county, in the vicinity of Clarksburg. After his marriage he and his wife settled on Glade run, where he built a log house about one and a half miles south of what is now Dayton borough. The property was then woods, and he cleared some of the land and ran a distillery. He then bought and moved to a large tract at what is now the site of Dayton borough, and built a house a half mile from town, residing there for some time. At both these places he followed farming.

He also bought grain and other farm products which he hauled to Phillipsburg, Old Town, and Curwensville, and exchanged for merchandise. In 1850 Mr. Marshall took his sons William and Thomas H. into partnership with him in the management of his growing interests. They had a general store in Dayton, one of the first established there, and about four hundred acres of land, William and his father looking after the farm and Thomas H. devoting his time to the mercantile end of the business. On April 9, 1868, Robert Marshall sold his real estate to his sons, but he retained his interest in the store until his death. There were few men who did more notable work for the advancement of this section than he accomplished in his lifetime. The cause of education always had a hearty supporter in him, and he gave the ground on which the building of the Dayton Academy stood and was the promoter of that institution. He was one of the originators of the Dayton Soldiers' Orphans' School and its heaviest stockholder. A member of the Associate or Seceder Church, he was one of the founders of the church of that denomination at Glade Run, and its house of worship and burying ground were located upon land donated by him for that purpose. After its formation he became a member of the U. P. Church, being one of the organizers of that church at Dayton and taking an active part in its work. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican. Mr. Marshall died Oct. 1, 1881, in the village of Dayton, where he resided from the time of his second marriage.

On Dec. 4, 1821, Mr. Marshall married Mary Hindman, who was born June 6, 1801, daughter of Rev. John Hindman. Mrs. Marshall was a native of the same locality where her husband was born and reared. They had the following children: William; Thomas H.; Catherine, who married John Wilson Marshall (son of John, grandson of Archibald and great-grandson of William, to whom his wife traced her line); Caroline, Mrs. William Sloan; Emeline, who died unmarried; Jonathan, who died when seventeen years old; Mary, widow of David Lawson, living in Wayne township; and Rebecca K., widow of Rev. Samuel C. Reed, a U. P. minister, now making her home at Beaver, Pa. The mother of this family died Dec. 29, 1869, and Mr. Marshall married for his second wife, July 25, 1871, Mary Jane Armstrong, who was born Sept. 14, 1834. She now makes her home in Wayne township, Armstrong county, with her niece, Mrs. Samuel P. Butler. No children were born to the second marriage.

John D. Armstrong, father of Mrs. Mary Jane (Armstrong) Marshall, was a native of Ireland. He and his wife Ellen (Lindsey) came to America with their family of five children in 1839 and settled in Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., near Belknap, Mr. Armstrong buying a farm which he cultivated during the remainder of his active life. He died there. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong after their arrival in Wayne township, Margaret Ellen, who died young; the others, the five whom they brought to America, were: James L., Henry H., Sarah, Mary Jane (Mrs. Marshall) and John B.

(IV) Thomas Hindman Marshall, son of Robert and Mary (Hindman) Marshall, was born July 29, 1824, about a mile and a half from Dayton, near where the U. P. cemetery now is. He became familiar with farm work from boyhood, and followed it until the partnership between his father, his brother William and himself was formed in 1850. The stock owned by this firm consisted of the personal property on a farm of about four hundred acres and the store they established in Dayton, Thomas H. Marshall being principally engaged in looking after the management of the store. In 1861 a half interest in the store was sold to John Campbell, and thereafter until Mr. Campbell's death the firm name was J. Campbell & Co. William and Thomas H. Marshall then bought back the Campbell interest and the firm was known as W. & T. H. Marshall until William Marshall died, when his son C. R. Marshall succeeded to his interest, the firm from that time being continued as C. R. & T. H. Marshall. Since the spring of 1908 it has been conducted under the name of C. R. Marshall.

After Mr. Campbell acquired an interest in the store Thomas H. Marshall devoted his time mostly to farming, and when in the spring of 1868 Robert Marshall dissolved the real estate partnership with his sons, selling his real estate to them, Thomas H. Marshall bought about 136 acres of land—the west end of the Marshall farm, adjoining and around Dayton, including the land upon which his grandfather, William Marshall, had settled in 1803. From this nucleus his landed possessions grew until he had some six hundred acres of fine farming land near the town. As an agriculturist he held his place among the most progressive in the vicinity, his land improving and increasing in value steadily under

his intelligent management and cultivation. His buildings were a credit to their owner, his barn at Dayton being one of the largest and best in the county and his stock as fine as could be wished. He gave considerable attention to raising blooded stock, especially hogs and sheep. His farming operations were carried on on an extensive scale, affording employment to many men. He also conducted in Dayton one of the best tanneries in Armstrong county, and butchered a number of cattle yearly. He had an interest in some eleven hundred or twelve hundred acres of land in Forest county, this State. About a quarter of a century before his death he became interested in the Maple Creek Lumber Company at Redclyffe, Forest county, where he spent considerable time, the company having over five thousand acres of timberland there. He was interested in the Enterprise Lumber Company. Many enterprises looking to the betterment of the community had his hearty indorsement and material support. The Dayton Agricultural and Mechanical Association, the Dayton Normal Institute, the Dayton Union Academy (founded by his father) and the Dayton Soldiers' Orphans' School all felt his influence as patron. He was treasurer of the Soldiers' Orphans' School from its organization, and took the first contract for the erection of buildings—that of getting out the stone for the foundations. He was one of the first subscribers for stock when the First National Bank was organized at Dayton in 1901. Mr. Marshall continued his business activities until his death, which occurred in his eighty-fourth year. Though he never cared for the honors or responsibilities of public office he did not evade his duties as a citizen, served as justice of the peace for two terms, from 1864 to 1874, and filled other positions of trust. He was a Republican on political questions. For many years he was one of the leading members of the United Presbyterian Church at Dayton and one of its chief supporters. A leader in everything which enlisted his interest or sympathy, his death, which occurred Jan. 25, 1908, at Redclyffe, was considered a loss to the entire community. He was buried in the U. P. cemetery south of Dayton.

On March 14, 1850, Mr. Marshall was married to Rosetta P. Neal, who was born Sept. 26, 1827, daughter of Robert Neal, of Cowanshannock township, this county, and died after a brief illness May 13, 1906, in her seventy-ninth year. She was a lifelong member of the U. P. Church, and was buried in the U. P. cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were the parents of five children: Silas W. is mentioned at length below; David D. is mentioned below; Robert Neal, a farmer at Parnassus, Westmoreland Co., Pa., married Mary Marshall, of Allegheny City; Clark Hindman pursued the collegiate and theological courses at Princeton University, and is a U. P. minister now located at Evans City, Pa. (he married Elizabeth Stewart, of Parnassus); Mary Samantha, married Elmer E. Good, and they reside in Nebraska.

(V) Silas W. Marshall, son of Thomas H. and Rosetta P. (Neal) Marshall, was born Dec. 2, 1851, at Dayton, Armstrong county, and is the oldest resident (not in point of age) of that borough. He received his education in the local schools, and from the beginning of his business career was associated with his father in his farming and lumbering operations. Thus he had excellent practical training under an able master, and his own natural inclinations were well developed and given wide scope. He owns the old homestead of Dayton, this property now comprising ninety acres, and has several other farms in this section, as well as woodland holdings. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank at Dayton and one of its original board of directors. All in all, he is deservedly ranked among the leading men of his borough and vicinity, his large interests making him an influential factor in the prosperity of this region. He is a man of high personal standing, has served the borough many years as councilman and school director, and in his private as well as his official capacity has done much to advance the public welfare. His religious connection is with the U. P. Church, and he is a Republican in politics.

On Feb. 25, 1874, Mr. Marshall married Agnes Craig, daughter of John and Mary (Brown) Craig, of Indiana county, Pa. They have had the following children: Emma is the wife of John A. Blair, an attorney at law, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Edith died aged fourteen years; Almina Mae is the wife of Dr. J. C. Borland and they reside at Falls Creek, Jefferson Co., Pa.; Clark Craig, who is assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Dayton, married Alice Williams; Ernest R. died aged three years, five months, six days; Helen is at home.

(V) David Duff Marshall, son of Thomas H. and Rosetta P. (Neal) Marshall, was born Aug. 21, 1857, in the borough of Dayton, where for the past twenty years he has been engaged in the milling business as



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proprietor of the Sterling Mills. He obtained his education in the common schools and at Dayton Academy. After commencing work he was with his father for some time, until six years after his marriage, when he went to Centerville, Crawford Co., Pa., at which point he was interested in his present line. He remained there for two years and then for a few months was in Forest county. Returning to Dayton he broke ground for his present mill April 17, 1891, and for a short time was in partnership with David Ellis, under the firm name of Marshall & Ellis. In July, 1892, he bought the interest of Mr. Ellis and has since conducted the mills alone. The Sterling Mills are equipped with full roller process, and the product is flour, feed, meal, etc. Mr. Marshall makes a specialty of pure buckwheat flour, and deals in all kinds of grain. The mill is provided with a fifty-horsepower boiler and a thirty-five-horsepower engine. There is a large demand for the products of the mill, and Mr. Marshall has had a steadily increasing trade from the beginning, his business methods and treatment of his patrons winning and holding customers from a considerable radius. He has taken considerable interest in local institutions, including the Dayton Normal Institute, and has been quite active in the borough government, having served as school director and being at present a member of the council. He is a Republican in politics, and like the members of his family generally a member of the U. P. Church; he is a faithful worker in the Dayton congregation, holding the office of elder.

On Dec. 25, 1878, Mr. Marshall married Ida May Haines, only child of William and Elizabeth (Good) Haines, and they have had three children: Clair H., who died when five years old; Mabel V., who is at home; and Thomas Ralph, at school. Mr. Marshall built his fine residence in 1892.

JOHN LINCOLN STOCKDILL, a prominent farmer and large landowner of Mahoning township, Armstrong county, was born there April 15, 1861, on the farm where he still resides, in what is known as the Cove. This family has been settled in the county for almost a century, and its members have been noted for their high-principled, earnest, useful lives, as desirable associates in all their social and business relations.

The English name of Stockdale (Stockdill, Irish), is derived from "stock," fixed, and "dale," town or place, i. e., fixed town or seat. It is an ancient Norman name, brought to England when the Conqueror came. In 1379 we find William and Johannes de Stockdale, from whom it is supposed the Stockdales of England, the North of Ireland, the United States and elsewhere are descended. King James desiring that the escheated counties in the North of Ireland be peopled with English, a branch of this family took land there and gave up all claim to titles and interests in England, as did the Musgraves, St. Clairs and others, whose names underwent similar mutations, becoming Musgrove, Sinclair, etc., as Stockdale was changed to Stockdill.

George Stockdill, grandfather of John L. Stockdill, was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, born Oct. 1, 1784, and was of Scotch-Irish extraction. Coming to the United States in June, 1822, he arrived soon after in Kittanning and first made a settlement in Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Pa. In 1829 he purchased a tract of 103 acres in Mahoning township, which he cleared and improved, and there he made his home until his death, which occurred July 9, 1857, when he was seventy-three years old. He was a Whig in politics, and in religion a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. On March 16, 1809, he married Margaret Clark, who was born in 1785 in County Donegal, Ireland, and died Jan. 9, 1871, aged eighty-six years. They had a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters, namely: James; Mary Ann, who married George Reedy; Thomas; William; Margaret, who married Joshua Foster; Elizabeth, who married Peter Zimmerman; Rebecca, who married John Foster; Joseph, and George. Joseph and George succeeded to the ownership of the homestead, and George bought his brother's interest in 1861.

George Stockdill was born June 26, 1827, in Franklin township, Armstrong county, and passed practically all his life upon his father's homestead, dying there May 9, 1872, in his forty-fifth year. Though he passed away in his prime he had accomplished much, he and his brother Joseph having added to their original land holdings until they had 220 acres, upon which they made many improvements, and in 1861 George purchased his brother Joseph's interest in his farm. In 1859 he erected the fine brick residence now occupied by his son John L. Stockdill. Like his father he was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and in political sentiment he was a Republican, and he held several local offices of trust. He was a charter member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Putneyville. He married Martha Elizabeth Foster, like himself a native of Armstrong county, who was born Aug. 7, 1826, daughter of Thomas and Cath-

erine (McCauley) Foster, who were born in Ireland and on coming to Pennsylvania settled in Armstrong county, being pioneers and highly esteemed residents of what is now Wayne township. In the early days they raised their own flax and wool, and wove it into cloth for their clothing. Mr. Foster was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wayne township. He and his wife had eight children, four sons and four daughters. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George Stockdill, namely: Margaret C., born Nov. 25, 1849, died Aug. 21, 1861; Mary Jane, born Sept. 30, 1867, married Jacob Milton Spence, a farmer of Wayne township; Martha E. is deceased; Margery F., born Dec. 11, 1856, married Rev. Joseph P. Calhoun, a Presbyterian minister, now of Knoxville, Tenn.; Rebecca E. is deceased; John L. is mentioned below; George W. L. died in 1869.

John Lincoln Stockdill was reared to manhood on his father's farm and has always resided there. He had the advantages afforded in the local schools, the public school at Oakland and Glade Run Academy, and acquired a thorough common school education. After leaving school he taught for one term, but farming has been his life work and he has been highly successful in his chosen line. He was willed a share in the homestead and purchased the interest of the other heirs in the property, to which he has added another fifty acres, now owning 270 acres in one tract, which he keeps under excellent cultivation. His enterprising nature is apparent in everything he undertakes. He not only engages in general farming, but owns and raises fine stock, and buys and sells teams. Recently he erected a fine barn at a cost of three thousand dollars, and he is also making extensive improvements about his dwelling, all the surroundings of this fine property showing his interest and good judgment. The place is well equipped with modern machinery, and no detail essential to its management is neglected. Mr. Stockdill has been chosen to various township offices, the ability with which he has conducted his own affairs winning him universal confidence among his fellow citizens.

On Sept. 26, 1882, Mr. Stockdill was married to Annie O. Alcorn, daughter of Thomas and Martha (Reed) Alcorn, farming people of Wayne township, and member of one of the old families of Armstrong county. Three children have been born to this union: Thomas Merrill, born Feb. 18, 1888, was educated at Little Washington, Butler county, and at Dayton, this county, taught school for seven terms, and is now clerking for the W. B. Thom Hardware Company at Tarentum, Pa.; the other two, Dessie E. and George Preston, the latter born Aug. 29, 1899, are at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Stockdill are members of the Presbyterian Church at Goheenville. He is a Republican in politics, and socially belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees (New Bethlehem Lodge, No. 170) and is a Scottish Rite Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree in the latter fraternity; he holds membership in New Bethlehem Lodge, No. 522, F. & A. M., Coudersport Chapter, R. A. M., and the Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Coudersport.

HON. EDMUND D. GRAFF, late of Worthington, was a man of large business interests, political prominence and individual character. He was born at Worthington in 1846, son of Peter and Susan (Lobingier) Graff, and always maintained his home in Armstrong county.

John Graff, his grandfather, was born in 1763, in Germany, and grown to manhood when he emigrated to the United States. For a time he lived in Lancaster county, Pa., and then moved to Westmoreland county, where the remainder of his life was passed. He owned a farm and also a distillery and was a man of some consequence in his community. His wife, Barbara Bouns, who was born in Crawford county, Pa., was captured by a wandering band of Indians and carried into the forest by them, when eight years old, and probably would never have succeeded in escaping had it not been because of the gratitude of another Indian, who had been previously befriended by her people. The story is one of great interest. She lived to old age amid peaceful surroundings.

Peter Graff, son of John and father of Edmund D., was born May 27, 1808, and died April 9, 1890. His earliest recollections were of soldiers marching home from the war of 1812 and of their tales of prowess. He had but limited educational advantages and when sixteen years old became a clerk in his brother Henry's store at Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland Co., Pa. Later he entered into partnership with E. G. Dutihl & Co., commission merchants of Philadelphia, and also became a partner in the firm of J. Painter & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., in the wholesale grocery trade, and in addition he was extensively interested in the iron trade in Armstrong, Venango and Clarion counties. In 1844 he moved his place of residence to Buffalo Mills, Armstrong county, where he continued to live until his death. In 1840 he became

a member of the Lutheran Church, in whose work he was active for half a century, and for fifty years served as superintendent of the Sunday school. He married Susan Lobingier, and they had the following children: Joseph; Susan L., who married Andrew C. Baily; Anna, who married W. H. Kirkpatrick; Elizabeth, who died March 24, 1842; Charles H.; Sarah Jane, who married C. B. Linton; J. Frank; Edmund D.; Philip M., and Peter.

Edmund D. Graff secured an excellent district school education which prepared him to enter the Western University at Pittsburgh, where he was graduated with his degree of B. Ph. in 1868. For some time afterward he was occupied in the office of Graff, McDivitt & Co., manufacturers, at Pittsburgh, and later succeeded to his father's interests in the woolen mills at Worthington. In 1880 he became interested at Duluth, Minn., in lumber manufacturing, as senior member of the firm of Graff, Little & Co., and ever afterward continued to be the actual as well as the nominal head of that large concern. In 1889 the business was incorporated as the Scott-Graff Lumber Company, of which he was president and one of the main stockholders. This company's plant is on the oldest sawmill site at Duluth, the mill having been rebuilt and remodeled at different times in order to accommodate the increasing demands of the business, which have been phenomenal and in accord with the growth of the city of Duluth. Mr. Graff had a multiplicity of business interests, and he was either officially or financially, and generally in both ways, connected with various large industrial enterprises. He was interested in the Howe Lumber Company, of Tower, Minn., which he helped to organize, and of which he was president until the burning of the company's mill caused a cessation of activity there for a time. In 1900 the Tower Lumber Company was incorporated and he became the largest stockholder and a member of the board of directors. He was also a stockholder in the First National Bank of Duluth, and a director of the First State Bank of Tower, Minn. At Worthington, Pa., he was a director and stockholder in several banks, the senior partner of the firm operating the Buffalo Woolen Mills.

In 1901 Mr. Graff was married to Melvina Wolfe, of Adrian, Pa., a daughter of Jacob Wolfe, and they resided at Worthington, Pa. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and served several years as a member of its board of trustees. In memory of the late Dr. C. H. Graff, a brother of Edmund D. Graff, a man of brilliant parts, the father, Peter Graff, endowed a professorship in Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa. From 1900 Edmund D. Graff served on its board of trustees and at the time of his death was president of this body.

As a public man Mr. Graff was well known to his fellow citizens in Pennsylvania. Politically a Democrat, he was one of the three members of his family who have served in the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, in 1884, that nominated Hon. Grover Cleveland for the presidency. He died June 3, 1912.

GEN. SAMUEL McCARTNEY JACKSON, "Colonel" as the old members of the 11th Regiment loved to call him, was one of the sons of Armstrong county whose privilege it has been to achieve distinction in civil as well as military life. He was an active and successful business man of the county, located at Apollo, with whose interests he was closely identified for many years. He was a son of John and Elizabeth (McCartney) Jackson, and was born on the farm where his father settled, near Apollo, Armstrong county, Sept. 24, 1833.

The Jackson family is of Irish descent and has always been prominent in the southern part of the county from its earliest settlement. James Jackson, the General's grandfather, came from Ireland to Pennsylvania with his parents, who were at Hannastown (1782) when it was burned by the Indians, and finally settled in Kiskiminetas township. James Jackson died at eighty-four years of age, and his eldest son, John Jackson, born Oct. 12, 1797, died Jan. 8, 1853. John Jackson was the builder of his own fortune and became one of the wealthy, honorable and highly respected men of Armstrong county. On Oct. 5, 1826, he married Elizabeth McCartney, of Scotch lineage, who was born Oct. 10, 1805, and died Aug. 9, 1880. She was the mother of ten children, of whom the second son and fourth child was Samuel McCartney.

Samuel M. Jackson was reared on the farm, but he early craved something more than farm life seemed to offer, and at the age of sixteen he entered the Jacksonville Academy, in Indiana county, where he hoped to get that training which he considered the basis of a useful life. The unexpected death of his father, however, compelled him to leave school one year later and abandon his cher-

ished desire for a liberal academic education. However, he became well read in history and biography. At an early age he displayed an active interest in military affairs, and when only twelve years old he was enrolled as a drummer boy in the State militia, evincing in childhood those talents which were afterward of incalculable value to his country in the hour of her sore distress. For efficient service he was promoted, step by step, until he obtained a captain's commission, and when the dark clouds of rebellion broke Captain Jackson was one of the first to proffer his services in the great struggle to maintain one flag and a united country. He recruited Company "G" or the Apollo Independent Blues, of the 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, and was commissioned its captain when it was mustered into the service. His signal ability as a soldier could not long remain unnoticed. On July 2d, 1861, he was made major of his regiment. On Oct. 28th he was promoted to the office of Lieutenant-colonel, and on April 10, 1863, he received the sword and commission of a colonel. The talents of the man were so marked, his character and bearing so distinguished, that advancement in the service was as steady as the flow of the irresistible tide. At the head of a brave regiment he proved himself a gallant officer, and through the whole three years' service was a conspicuous figure in all the campaigns in which his regiment was summoned to duty. At the battles of Gaines' Mills, Second Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, and Bethesda Church, General Jackson and his regiment showed the fighting worth of Pennsylvania blood, rendering particularly distinguished service at South Mountain, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, and in the Wilderness. At Spottsylvania he commanded his brigade, and so well and ably did he bear himself in this battle that he was breveted a brigadier-general for gallant and meritorious conduct. It is a striking coincidence, and worthy of note, that this noble life went out on the anniversary of this sanguinary battle, which won for him his highest military rank. But it was at Gettysburg that General Jackson so eminently displayed his keenness of judgment and powers of command. On the second day's fight the 11th Reserves lay in the front on the slope of Little Round Top, overlooking the terrible valley of death from which the 3d Corps had been driven back. Supports sent to the relief of the 3d had been fearfully broken, and the enemy, flushed with success, was steadily advancing with a terrible and resolute purpose to carry the hill. General Crawford's orders had been to remain in position and hold the hill at all hazzards. This seemed impossible. Moments then were as vital as hours. There was no time to await orders from superiors. General Jackson, quick to see and realize the danger of delay, on his own responsibility ordered the regiment forward, and was at once followed by the commands in the rear. Down the slope they charged, and hurling themselves like thunderbolts on the columns of the confident and unsuspecting enemy they fought them foot by foot back across the valley of death, across Plum run and into the wheatfield, regaining the entire field so nearly and irretrievably lost. It was here that General Crawford rode up in rear of the regiment, and with much excitement complimented them in most extravagant terms, saying, "Colonel Jackson, you have saved the day; your regiment is worth its weight in gold sir."

At the battle of the Wilderness, General Jackson again displayed his signal ability to command, and his ready power to meet any emergency, however trying. While commanding his own and the 2d Regiment, he suddenly found himself cut off from his division by a strong force of the enemy. Thus isolated from the Union forces and surrounded by a confident foe, the situation presented but one of two alternatives—death or surrender. But General Jackson had never learned how to surrender. The chance of cutting his way through the enemy's lines, desperate though it was, was promptly accepted, and at the head of his brave troops, with an unequaled valor, broke through the Rebel forces, and by a circuitous route reached the Union front, where for several hours they had been given up as lost.

During three years of active, hard service, General Jackson won the confidence and respect of his superiors and the esteem and admiration of all within his command, and when mustered out he returned to his home and the quiet pursuits of a business life. While in the war he received two slight wounds. The appreciative regard of the officers and men of the 11th Regiment for their colonel was indicated by their presenting him a superb gold-encased and jeweled sword, together with sash and spurs, the presentation speech on behalf of the regiment being made by Captain Timblin. To keep warmer and more vivid the memories of his soldier life, its comradeships and past dangers, the General allied himself with Post No. 89, G. A. R., Encamp-

ment No. 1, U. V. L., and the Pennsylvania Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

For some time after the close of the war General Jackson was engaged in the oil business in Venango county, but in 1869 he returned to his native county of Armstrong and was in the same year elected to the State Legislature, and reelected the following year. In this position, as in all others he filled, both military and civil, he so won the confidence of those he served that four years later he was elected to represent the forty-first Senatorial district, composed of the counties of Armstrong and Butler, in the State Senate. At the close of his term of office he was again honored by the offer of a renomination, which he felt compelled to decline. In 1871 he was instrumental in organizing the Apollo Savings Bank, in which he filled the responsible position of cashier until 1882, in April of which year President Arthur appointed him collector of Internal Revenue for the twenty-third district, composed of the counties of Beaver, Allegheny (northern part), Butler, Armstrong, Indiana, Jefferson, Clearfield, Blair and Huntingdon. He assumed the duties of this office July 1, 1882, and served until July 1, 1885, when he was removed by President Cleveland, on account of his politics. In September of this year he was elected president of the Apollo Savings Bank, which later became the Apollo Trust Company, and he served in this position up to the time of his death. In 1893 he was elected State treasurer by a plurality of over 135,000. He was considered as a candidate for governor, and twice received the indorsement of his county for Congress.

Until the organization of the United States Steel Corporation General Jackson was largely interested in the sheet steel business in the Kiskiminetas valley. In 1886 he became interested in the benefits to be derived by his town and county from the erection of sheet iron mills at Apollo, and after he and others had agitated the subject the firm of P. H. Laufman & Co., Limited, was formed with a capital stock of $150,000. They kept in constant operation three large mills. General Jackson became a stockholder in this company and was elected treasurer. Some time before his death P. H. Laufman & Co., Limited, and the Saltsburg Rolling Mill Company, in which he was interested, had been sold to the United States Steel Corporation. He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church, and for many years an elder. He devoted much time to charity, and from the time of its organization was president of the board of trustees of the State Institution for Feeble Minded, at Polk, Pa. He always devoted his time, money and energy to industries and promotions beneficial to his native town of Apollo and the Kiskiminetas valley, and was active in local affairs, securing the passage of the act authorizing the building of a free bridge at Apollo and taking an interest in every important measure for the public improvement. While the weight of years was beginning to burden him he never faltered, but was active almost to the very end. It was indeed, as if he had been taken while yet in the harness, for though practically retired at the time of his death he was president of the Apollo Trust Company and was assisting in the reorganization of the Pittsburgh & Allegheny Traction Company. His interest in his friends, his faithfulness to every trust, doubtless prompted him to tarry unduly long at the altar of responsibilities. On March 7, 1906, his family noticed and remarked upon, the condition of his health. He insisted that it was but a passing ailment, but to his loved ones the absence of that brilliant luster of his kindly eyes, that joy of his usual disposition, seemed to portend a more serious result. For two weeks his condition varied with some indication of slight improvement, at which time he was markedly affected by his insidious ailment, and he was compelled to remain abed, from which he never arose. But throughout his entire sickness of nine weeks, while unable to talk, his spirit never waned, and his sincere interest in his friends and loved ones continued up to the very last. On the evening of Wednesday, May 8, 1906, just as the sun was sinking into the golden western sky, and the peaceful twilight was marking the close of a beautiful summer day, as if wearied by the weight of years, and responding to the beckonings of nature, like a tired child he sank to rest, and beloved by his friends, honored and respected by all, the enemy of none, his noble spirit took its flight from an honorable, busy and useful life into the realms of a cherished memory, a worthy example and a glorious eternity. The Master called and he was ready.

It is given to but few men in life's struggle to attain and occupy the place held by General Jackson. He was a gentleman of the old school, and his dignified appearance was supported by dignity of action and manner. While he occupied a prominent place in life he was always generous and considerate of the most lowly, and the needy found in him

a ready sympathizer. His platform in life, in business, in politics, was fair play to everybody, and win or lose he always stood upon it. Those who knew him best, his friends and neighbors, who were the constant observers of the varying changes in his busy life, all testify to the high esteem in which he was held. He was loved and honored by all, and without exception he always proved worthy of the confidence so often placed in him by his fellow men. His prominence in the affairs of the State is already history, and in every capacity in which he was called to serve he exemplified the highest type of American citizenship. It is, however, as a soldier that he endeared himself to the members of the old 11th Reserves. It was during those terrible days of civil strife that the character of the man showed forth in its true light. It was during those awful three years, as commander of a brave and faithful regiment, that he encouraged confidences which became the basis of a friendship lasting with increasing fervor until death, and an example which will continue while memory runs. It is well known what constant care and consideration he exercised for the comfort and safety of the regiment, and by his quiet manner and his inherent sympathy he so endeared himself to the "boys" that they would gladly follow whereever he led, even to the "jaws of death." His was surely the fullness of an ideal life. As a soldier he was obedient and brave; as an officer, gallant and fearless, as a statesman, conscientious and wise.

General Jackson was twice married. His first wife was Martha J. Byerly, of Westmoreland county, whom he married in 1860 and who died in 1864, leaving two children: Mary Gertrude (Mrs. Townsend) and Lizzie Virginia (Mrs. Hammitt). On Dec. 29, 1869, General Jackson was united in marriage with Mary E. Wilson, daughter of Col. John M. Wilson, of Clarion county. By his second marriage he had five children: Frank Wilson, John Howard, Bessie, Mamie (deceased) and Emily Louise. The mother of this family still lives in Apollo.

During his busy life General Jackson witnessed the little river village of his boyhood, whose industries and interests were those of a center of a moderately prosperous agricultural district, grow to a town of over two thousand people, the home of varied industries, the most important of which he was largely instrumental in establishing, and he was incessantly persevering in developing them to a highly prosperous condition.—Much of the material from which this article was compiled was taken from the biography contained in the memorial resolutions adopted at a meeting of his old regiment, the 11th Pennsylvania Reserves.—Ed.

ALFRED L. IVORY, attorney at law, is one of the prominent men of his profession in Armstrong county. He was born June 24, 1849, in Allegheny county, Pa., and is a son of Andrew and Catherine (Schroeder) Ivory.

The name Ivory is of very ancient historical record and can be found in the archives of France and England, among the prominent educational, industrial, professional and political men of those countries from the tenth century down.

The Ivory family is of Norman blood, and as early as A. D. 1079 one of its members was governor of the Duchy of Rouen in Normandy and a close friend and ally of King William the Conqueror.

The Schroeder family is of Holland lineage and nationality and is of equal prominence in the ancient and more recent history of Holland and Germany.

Andrew Ivory was born in Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa., May 31, 1825; his wife was a native of Zelienople, Butler Co., Pa. He was a farmer until his enlistment, in 1861, in Company G, 11th Pennsylvania Reserve Corps, which he joined as a private. In the seven days' battle before Richmond, together with his regiment, he was captured, and imprisoned in Libby prison and on Belle Isle. He was subsequently promoted to the rank of second and later to first lieutenant. He became acting captain in command from the battle of South Mountain to and including the battle of Fredericksburg, where he was seriously wounded by a Rebel minie ball, which badly shattered the bones of his right knee, maiming him for life. By reason of this wound he was honorably discharged, and returned home to resume his farming, continuing his life on the farm until he retired several years before his death, which occurred May 9, 1908; his wife passed away in January, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivory had the following family: Alfred L.; Mary A., wife of J. F. Keener, of Kittanning; Andrew E., of Pittsburgh; Francis J., also of Pittsburgh; Robert B., attorney, of Pittsburgh; and Ella J., wife of Alfred Gray, of Columbus, Ohio. Both parents of this family were members of the Presbyterian Church, of which the father was

a ruling elder for several years. He was also a member of the G. A. R. post.

Alfred L. Ivory attended the public schools of Allegheny and Armstrong counties, the Presbyterian Academy at Leechburg, Pa., and the Slate Lick Classical Institute, from which he graduated in 1870. He taught school several terms and was engaged in business in the mercantile line as clerk and traveling salesman for a number of years. During this time he pursued the study of law under a private tutor, but did not register as a law student until 1881, in Clarion county, Pa. He finished his course in the study of law in the office of Wilson and Jenks, afterward Reed and Wilson, and was admitted to the bar in Clarion county in the year 1888. Following his admission Mr. Ivory practiced his profession in Clarion county for five years, and then removed to New York City, where he was engaged in special work of his profession for some years. Returning to Pennsylvania he spent four years at Pittsburgh with his brother, R. B. Ivory, and in 1900 located at Ford City, Pa., and continued practicing law there until 1909, when he located permanently at Kittanning. In 1908 he was a Republican party candidate for judge of the courts of Armstrong county and received the endorsement and nomination of the Prohibition party. After his admission to the bar in Clarion county, Mr. Ivory served two terms as secretary of the Republican County committee and was elected three times as its chairman. He was also a member of the Republican State Central committee. For many years he has been an active member of the Presbyterian Church, has been repeatedly elected to the office of ruling elder, and has also served as trustee, treasurer, Sunday school superintendent and teacher in that church.

Mr. Ivory is a member of the Masonic fraternity and a Knight Templar, holding membership in Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, of which he is a veteran member.

On Oct. 12, 1871, Mr. Ivory married Harriett E. Morrison, daughter of William Morrison, of Slate Lick, Armstrong Co., Pa. Five children have been born to them: Clara May, wife of Andrew J. Robinson, of Leechburg, Pa.; Edwin Dixon, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Edith Blanche, who died at the age of five years; Bessie Luella, wife of Prof. E. H. Smith, of Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Alfred La Verne, of Leechburg, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS G. CORNELL, president of the Farmers' National Bank, of Freeport, Armstrong county, was born May 19, 1861, in Blairsville, Pa., son of S. M. and Mary (Skeene) Cornell.

The Cornell family originated in Holland, but the name of its founder in America is not known, nor the date of his arrival in this country.

S. M. Cornell, father of Thomas G. Cornell, was born in Virginia, and when fourteen years old went to Philadelphia, Pa. Later on in life he became connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a master carpenter, and still later with the Northern Pennsylvania Railroad Company as trainmaster. Leaving the latter company he located at Johnstown, Pa., to enter the employ of the Cambria Steel Company. Following this association he entered upon a general contracting business at Blairsville, Pa., where he remained in active work from 1869 to 1895. In the latter year he retired, and so lived until his death, Jan. 2, 1911. He was a Republican, but never cared to hold office. He and his wife had six children, all of whom survive, Thomas G. Cornell being third in the order of birth. Mrs. Cornell survives, being now seventy-four years old. She is a lady of true Christian character, and a consistent member of the Methodist Church, in which she is very active.

The Skeene family had its origin in England, from which country two brothers came to the Colonies in the sixteenth century. Their names are not known. James Skeene, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Cornell, was a farmer, and lived and died in Pennsylvania, where his daughter Mary (Mrs. Cornell) was born.

Thomas G. Cornell attended the common schools until he was thirteen years old, when he became a messenger boy in the superintendent's office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Blairsville, which position he held for two years. For the following three years he clerked in a drug store. Once more he entered the services of the railroad company, this time as rodman, and when he had been with them three years in this capacity he was promoted to be timekeeper in the superintendent's office at Blairsville. Until 1886 he continued in this position, leaving it to become chief clerk for the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company at Norfolk, Va., in the M. W. department. Returning to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, he was made chief clerk of the M. W. department of that company's western Pennsylvania division, and so con-

tinued until he resigned, April 1, 1891, to engage in an undertaking of his own.

In 1891 Mr. Cornell became associated with the coal and stone interests at Freeport, Pa., operating coal mines extensively, and in 1900 he formed the firm of The Cornell Coal Company, one of the largest independent coal producing companies in western Pennsylvania. He is one of the organizers of the Farmers' National Bank of Freeport, which has a capital stock of $50,000, all of which is paid up; and a total of resources of $401,997.99, according to the statement issued Sept. 1, 1911. The bank is recognized as one of the sound financial institutions of western Pennsylvania. The officials are: T. G. Cornell, president; W. A. Jack, vice president; W. Fred Turner, second vice president; F. K. Weaver, cashier, and W. E. Phillips, assistant cashier. Under the conservative policy of Mr. Cornell the interests of the depositors are safeguarded, while the stockholders are given a fair return for their investment. Mr. Cornell's connection with large institutions has given him a wide experience, which he is putting to practical and efficient use in connection with his banking business.

On Nov. 12, 1885, Mr. Cornell was married, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Margaret Maher. Mr. and Mrs. Cornell have had three children.

A strong Republican, Mr. Cornell has been called upon to represent his party's principles upon different occasions as an official of Freeport. Socially he belongs to the Manufacturers' Club, of Philadelphia, and the Duquesne Club, of Pittsburgh. A man of high principles, possessed of sound judgment, Mr. Cornell has forged steadily ahead, and is now numbered among the leading financiers of his part of the State.

ROBERT P. HUNTER, M. D., the oldest physician now engaged in practice at Leechburg, Armstrong county, has in the forty and more years of his residence in that community so thoroughly identified himself with the general welfare that he is recognized as one of the most public-spirited and prominent men there. He is at present representing his district in the State Legislature, has long been active in public life, has taken part in religious work and in all other movements for the moral uplift of his fellow men, and has been an influential factor for good whose impress cannot fail to be permanent.

Dr. Hunter was born in Blacklick township, Indiana Co., Pa., Jan. 23, 1837, and his grandfather, Robert Hunter, was one of the pioneer settlers in that county. Robert Hunter was born in 1782 in Westmoreland county, Pa., and died in 1861 at Jacksonville, Indiana county, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, Mary (Lawrence), a native of New Jersey, was born in 1781 and died in 1868, at the age of seventy-seven. They were the parents of fourteen children, most of whom reached maturity.

John M. Hunter, son of Robert, was born June 12, 1807, in Indiana county, Pa., where he passed all his life, dying at Blairsville, March 28, 1868. He followed the trade of shoemaking for the most part, though during 1854 and 1855 he was engaged as a foreman on the Pennsylvania canal, of which his son-in-law, W. F. Boyer, was then superintendent. On May 30, 1830, he married Annie Reese Banks, who was born in Pennsylvania, Oct. 10, 1810, and died Aug. 16, 1875, at Leechburg, where she was living with her son. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hunter had children as follows: Joshua Banks, born Nov. 5, 1832, who served in the Civil war; Mary A., born Oct. 23, 1835, now deceased, who was married in 1855 to W. F. Boyer; Robert P.; William I., born Sept. 29, 1839, who is deceased; Ella M., born Aug. 16, 1842, who married Dr. W. H. Kern, of McKeesport, Pa.; Morgan R., born April 4, 1844, who served as a soldier in the Civil war; Dr. John A., born Aug. 20, 1846, who was elected to the Pennsylvania Legislature on the Republican ticket (lower house) in 1874 and died shortly afterward (he was a soldier in the Civil war, and J. A. Hunter Post, No. 123, G. A. R., of Leechburg, was named in his honor, Dr. Hunter having been a very well-known and highly respected man); Dr. Milton C., born Aug. 7, 1850; J. Irwin, born June 19, 1852.

Robert P. Hunter attended the schools of the locality in which he was reared, and in his young manhood taught school for five years during the winter terms. For two years he was employed on the Pennsylvania canal under his father. In 1862 he began the study of medicine with his uncle, Dr. M. R. Banks, of Livermore, Pa., and in 1864 began to attend lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He began practice before finishing his course, on May 9, 1865, opening an office at Leechburg, where he practiced four years before he was able to complete his studies. He had devoted all his surplus to the furtherance of his preparation for practice and finished the full course at Jefferson Medical College, graduating with

high standing March 13, 1869. He has been located at Leechburg ever since, and has been highly successful in his professional work, winning and retaining the confidence of a large patronage. He has taken advantage of his wide acquaintanceship throughout this territory to exercise his influence for good whenever possible, and though busy with his practice has found time for other things he considers just as necessary to a useful life among his fellow men. He has always shown his willingness to support any good movement started in the locality, and thus his interests have been very diversified. He was among the first—in 1878—to bring shorthorn cattle to Armstrong county, giving the farmers the benefit of improved stock. He has long been an ardent Prohibitionist, and on June 29, 1882, was made president of the Armstrong County Prohibitory Amendment Association, a temperance organization which met in Kittanning upon that date. In 1873, he was one of the organizers of the Leechburg Bank, and served as one of its directors until 1880. For two terms he served as chief burgess of Leechburg, and in 1911 he was elected to represent his district in the State Legislature; he is taking an active part in the work of that body, serving upon the committees on Congressional Apportionment, Counties and Townships, Railroads, Ways and Means, Educational, Retrenchment and Reform. For twenty years he was a member of the Leechburg school board, during most of that period being president, and it was during his incumbency that a fine high school was erected. Dr. Hunter was one of the organizers of the Apollo pension board, became its first president, and has continued to hold that position to the present time. He is serving as a trustee of the Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Erie, Pennsylvania.

On Dec. 29, 1875, the Doctor received a commission from Governor Hartranft as surgeon in chief on Gen. Harry White's staff, 9th Division, National Guard of Pennsylvania, and served in that capacity during the Pittsburgh railroad and labor riots.

Dr. Hunter is a leading member of the Presbyterian Church at Leechburg, of which he has been an elder many years. He served a long period as superintendent of the Sunday school. In 1887, he was a delegate from the Kittanning Presbytery to the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church which met in Omaha, Nebr. In 1863, he was made a Mason in Loyalhanna lodge, No. 275, F. & A. M., of Latrobe, and now holds membership in Leechburg Lodge, No. 577, of which he is a past master; he is also a member of Orient Chapter, R. A. M., at Kittanning.

On May 18, 1875, Dr. Hunter was married to Rebecca Hill, who was born in Armstrong county, June 30, 1853, daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Kuhns) Hill. They have had the following children: John A., born June 18, 1876, died May 27, 1892; Lida A., born Jan. 10, 1878, died Nov. 2, 1897; Robert K., born Oct. 19, 1879, graduated from the Leechburg high school, took a business course at Clarion, Pa., and is now in the government employ at Freeport, Pa.; Marion D., graduated from the Leechburg high school and later studied at the Lake Erie Seminary, a school for girls.

HERBERT G. GATES, secretary and treasurer of the Armstrong Trust Company of Kittanning, was born in that borough in 1881, son of the late William and Mary (Bassett) Gates, and grandson of William Gates. The grandfather was for many years owner and manager of the Kittanning Iron Works.

William Gates, son of William, and father of Herbert G. Gates, was born March 2, 1842, in Pittsburgh, and when six years old was brought to Kittanning by his parents. He attended public school here and Elder's Ridge Academy, and when sixteen years old went to New York City to study pharmacy. Returning to Kittanning within several years, he went into a confectionery business with his brother, James Gates. Later these two branched out into the grocery business, their partnership continuing until the elder brother enlisted for service in the Civil war. William Gates then bought a store on South Jefferson street, and conducted it for some years, until he sold it in order to devote all his attention to his extensive granary. During the last few months of his life he was confined to the house with a lingering illness. In August, 1864, Mr. Gates married Virginia Bassett, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Bassett, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Gates had the following family: William; Mrs. J. H. Sutherland, of Chambersburg; Sara B., Mrs. Watt; Edna, and Herbert G. Mr. Gates was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, serving the old Second Presbyterian Church as elder, and working in the Sunday school as superintendent.

Herbert G. Gates was educated in the public and high schools of Kittanning, the Kittanning Academy, and the Eastman business col-

lege, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1901. Immediately afterward he entered the First National Bank of East Brady, Pa., as bookkeeper, but within three months was offered and accepted the position of bookkeeper of the Armstrong Trust Company of Kittanning. Within eighteen months he was made secretary and treasurer, and still holds these offices. In addition to his connection with the Armstrong Trust Company, Mr. Gates is administrator of the William Gates estate, secretary and treasurer of the Fort Pitt Powder Company, and a director of the Acme Natural Gas Company of Leechburg, Pa. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks, while his religious connections are with the Presbyterian Church of Kittanning. Like his father he takes an active part in church affairs, now serving as secretary of the congregation and church trustee.

In 1902, Mr. Gates married Winifred Rohrer, daughter of Frederick Rohrer, a prominent newspaper man. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gates: Georgia, Dorothy, Herbert G., Jr., Mary Virginia, Willis Patton and Frederick Rohrer.

FRED C. BEECHER, of Ford City, Armstrong Co., Pa., examiner of statements of the State Insurance Department, was born Dec. 1, 1871, in Chautauqua county, N. Y., son of Ira T. and Amelia P. (Cook) Beecher. David Beecher, his grandfather, was a farmer, owning a farm at Lake George, N. Y. The family came originally from Connecticut and is closely allied with that branch to which Henry Ward Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe belonged.

Ira T. Beecher is a man of vigorous personality and became quite prominent in the various lines with which he was associated. For several years he carried on a hardware business at North East, Pa. He was also a successful oil operator, having engaged in the business when it was in its infancy and accumulated a modest fortune by his good judgment and excellent management. He served as burgess, councilman, school director and justice of the peace at North East. He is also a prominent Mason, being a member of North East Lodge and Mount Olivet Commandery, Knights Templar. He has now retired from active business pursuits, making his home at Erie, Pa. To him and his wife were born two children, Fred C. and Blanche, the latter the wife of Charles M. Hatch, of Erie, Pa., general manager of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Railway Company.

Fred C. Beecher received his preliminary education in the public schools at North East, Pa. At the age of fourteen he became messenger boy in a bank there, being thus employed two years. He then entered the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1894, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. During his college course he was the college reporter for the Philadelphia *Ledger,* then under the control of its noted founder, George W. Childs, and after leaving the university he became a member of the reportorial staff of the *Ledger,* with which he was connected until 1897. Returning to North East, Pa., he was engaged in the hardware business with his father for about one year, in 1898, becoming teller in the National Bank of McKeesport. He was there four years, until 1902, when he was elected cashier of the First National Bank of Ford City, Pa., of which place he has since been a resident. He maintained his connection with the bank until Jan. 1, 1911, when he was appointed reading clerk to the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, for the term of 1911-13; and later to his present position by Insurance Commissioner Johnson.

Mr. Beecher is a prominent Mason in his section of Pennsylvania, belonging to Kittanning Lodge, No. 244, F. & A. M.; Orient Chapter, No. 247, Royal Arch Masons, of Kittanning, which he is now (1912) serving as high priest; Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, K. T., and Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Mr. Beecher is a member of the Presbyterian Church and has served on the board of trustees. He is a man whose worth has been recognized in every circle in which he has moved, and whose services in the various offices to which he has been chosen have earned him the esteem of all concerned.

In 1897, Mr. Beecher was married to Sarah S. Collum, daughter of Maj. Richard Collum, who was a distinguished officer of the Union army during the Civil war. Four children have been born to this union: Frederick T., Richard S. C., Lee C. and David R.

ERWIN E. COCHRAN, ex-sheriff of Armstrong county, now a resident of Apollo, was born Sept. 19, 1861, in this county, son of John G. and Margaret (Hart) Cochran.

John G. Cochran was born in Armstrong county, of Scotch-Irish stock, and was a nephew of ex-Judge Cochran of Armstrong county, a prominent Democrat. Early in life he taught school, but after his marriage em-

barked in a mercantile business at Springchurch, this county, and conducted a general store there for many years. Politically he was a Republican. During his useful life, which was terminated by death in 1880, in his fifty-first year, he was noted for his strict probity, and became well and favorably known in his community. Both he and his wife were Presbyterians. The latter was also born in Armstrong county, and her ancestors were of German origin. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran were the parents of ten children, six of whom still survive. The mother survived until 1907.

Erwin E. Cochran attended school until his seventeenth year. Upon the death of his father he remained at home to look after his mother and her affairs. Meantime he taught school four terms, and then disposing of the mercantile business owned by his father, moved the family to Apollo. There he engaged in the business of handling boots and shoes, which he continued to carry on for nine years, and subsequently he embarked in the real estate trade, building and selling town lots and other properties. In the fall of 1903, he was elected sheriff of Armstrong county, and served from 1904 to 1907. Mr. Cochran owned a fine farm in the county, but disposed of it recently, and in the spring of 1911 bought the beautiful residence at Apollo which is now the family home. He is well known all over the county and a man of recognized merit, both as a conscientious and able official and public-spirited citizen. Politically he is a Republican, and he has always rendered his party efficient service.

On Nov. 20, 1900, Mr. Cochran was united in marriage with Matilda C. Alcorn. Four children have been born of this union, three of whom are now living: Margaret and John G., twins, born Sept. 22, 1902; and James F., born Feb. 27, 1905.

COL. WILLIAM SIRWELL was born at the Allegheny arsenal, in Pennsylvania, Aug. 10, 1820, his father. Richard Sirwell, a native of England, being in the United States army. He had been principal musician, and at that time was armorer at the arsenal. He married Elizabeth Graham, also a native of England.

Of a military turn of mind, William Sirwell entered the militia service in 1839, and commanded in succession the City Blues, of Pittsburgh, and the Washington Blues, Brady Alpines and Kittanning Yaegers, of Kittanning, to which place he removed in 1846. He was also for ten years brigade inspector of Armstrong county. In person he was six feet in height, broad shouldered, and robust. He married Nov. 6, 1840, Elizabeth McCandless, of Butler county, Pa., and eight children were born to them: Luenda Ann, Alexander Nelson, Sarah C., Mary H., William Mitchell, Samuel, Elizabeth M. and Emma J., only three of whom are living, Luenda A.; Mrs. Sarah C. McCoy (living in Buffalo, N. Y.); and William M., of Kittanning.

In 1854, being in Iowa, the colonel raised at Davenport the first military company in the State, and in 1855, while on his way home, he organized in Pittsburgh the first military company of colored men known to have been formed in the United States. They were called the Hannibal Guards.

On the breaking out of the Civil war Colonel Sirwell and his company, the Brady Alpines above mentioned, the first company in western Pennsylvania to offer their services to the United States government, were at once accepted, and served through the three months' campaign in the 9th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under General Patterson, in Virginia. Upon the expiration of their term of service and return home, Captain Sirwell at once proceeded to organize the 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was commissioned colonel of the same, and with his brigade, under the command of Gen. James S. Negley, ordered to the army then stationed in Kentucky. In the affair of Lavergne, one of the actions for the defense of Nashville, the regiment particularly distinguished itself, and its commander was complimented by General Negley and by Andrew Johnson, then military governor of Tennessee. At Stone River the regiment captured the White Horse Artillery, of New Orleans, consisting of four twelve-pounder brass Napoleon guns. the regimental colors of the 26th Confederate Tennessee, and the guidon of the 4th Florida. As a reward of his service here, Colonel Sirwell was made provost marshal of Murfreesboro, and was afterward placed in command of the 3d Brigade, 2d Division, of the 14th Corps, Department of the Cumberland. In the terrible conflicts of Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, and in the subsequent campaign of Atlanta, he rendered valuable services. At New Hope Church so marked was his gallantry that he was commended by General Thomas. When Atlanta finally was taken after a campaign of a hundred days in which the smoke of battle scarcely cleared away, it became difficult to keep open the base

of supplies, stretching away to Chattanooga. Colonel Sirwell was assigned to this duty and preserved unbroken the line of transportation, supplies being rapidly brought up. After his term of service expired, at the solicitation of the commander of the department, Colonel Sirwell remained in the field, his regiment as mounted infantry being employed in attacking and pursuing Forrest's cavalry through middle and southern Tennessee.

Colonel Sirwell was a gallant but prudent officer. He was much admired by his brother officers and the men of his command. He was made the recipient of two swords, both handsome and valuable ones, but prized by him more dearly for their associations than aught else.

At one time Colonel Sirwell saw fit to resign his command (which, however, he almost immediately resumed), and the officers of the 78th Regiment at that time, Nov. 20, 1863, presented him the following resolutions:

Whereas, Col. William Sirwell has felt it his duty to resign his commission as colonel of this regiment, we the commissioned officers, do resolve,

1. That we sustain Col. Sirwell in the cause that induced him to take this step which sunders the reciprocal ties which for over two years have held him and his military family together. Declining health induced by hard service in the field entitled "the old soldier" to an honorable retirement.

2. That the history of this regiment from its organization to this time, its superior discipline, its undaunted courage on the field of battle, and its complete appointment in every department are the handiwork of Col. Sirwell, and stamp him as a military commander of the first order.

3. That the name and services of Col. Sirwell will ever be associated in our minds with recollections of Lamb's Ferry, White Creek, Neely's Bend, Goodletsville, Lavergne, Brentwood and Stone River, Dug Gap, Chickamauga.

4. That the kindness of disposition and the frankness of Col. Sirwell have endeared him to both officers and men, and in parting with him they feel that they are losing a father who watched over them with fond care.

5. That we each and all resolve here tonight in taking the parting hand of Col. Sirwell that we will do our utmost to bring this regiment home to him with its colors flying and its bright escutcheon untarnished.

6. To William Sirwell, late colonel of this regiment, the strict disciplinarian, the accomplished soldier, the high-toned gentleman, the kind and genial companion—you have toiled with us, you have endured all the sufferings and enjoyed many of the glories of the soldier's life—to you we say farewell, and God bless you.

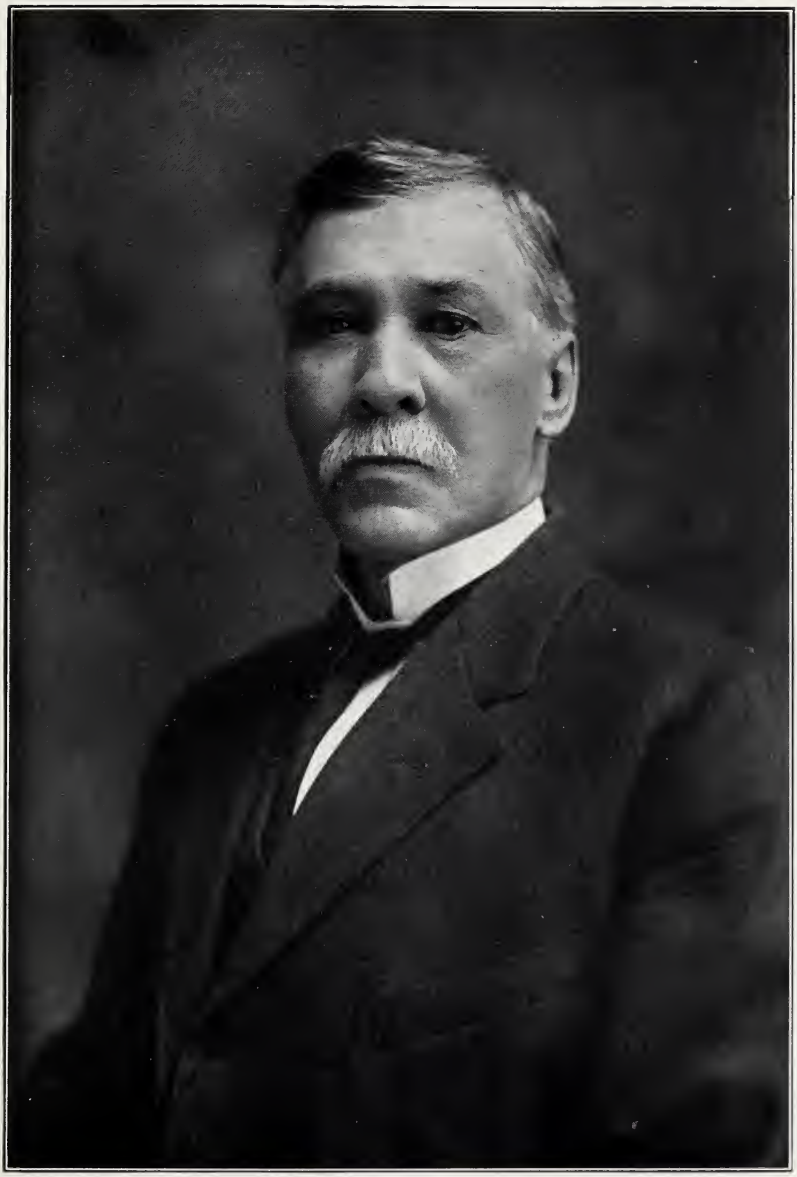
7. *Resolved,* That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to Col. Sirwell and to the papers in Kittanning (except the *Mentor*), Indiana, Clarion, Butler, Lawrence and Pittsburgh.

(Signed by the commissioned officers of the 78th Regiment.)

Having performed his duties faithfully to the government during the time of the war, Colonel Sirwell afterward resided in Kittanning, and held the offices of postmaster and justice of the peace. He spent much time in collecting curiosities and relics, especially those which pertain to Armstrong county, and had perhaps the most valuable private cabinet in western Pennsylvania. He had moved to Kittanning from Pittsburgh, when his eldest child was three years old, and maintained his residence there to the end of his days, dying Sept. 9, 1885. A watchmaker and jeweler by trade, he always kept a shop in the borough, but had another man in charge, his military interests calling him away so frequently. He used to go to various places in this section to drill soldiers, being considered by many the best drillmaster in the State. Besides holding offices in the borough he was well known as one of the first Odd Fellows in Kittanning, and also belonged to other societies, and he raised the first lodge of Red Men in the town. Though he did not leave a large estate, Colonel Sirwell handled considerable money in the course of his life, but he believed in enjoying his means and especially in aiding others, no one in want ever asking him for help in vain, and he was always foremost in giving help to the needy. His wife, who survived until 1887, was like him, very kind and charitable, deeply religious, and beloved by all who knew her. The eldest of their children, Miss Luenda A. Sirwell, now over seventy years old, lives with her brother William in Kittanning.

HARVEY N. SNYDER, one of the leading attorneys of Kittanning, one whose connection with matters of jurisprudence in Armstrong county has been long and honorable, was born Sept. 29, 1846, in Brady township, Butler Co., Pa. He is a son of Zephaniah and Rachel (Kennedy) Snyder, grandson of Conrad Snyder, and great-grandson of Conrad Snyder, Sr., the founder of this Snyder family in Pennsylvania.

Conrad Snyder, Sr., was born in Switzerland in 1735, and lived there until after his marriage. He fled with his wife to the Netherlands to escape conscription for service in the French army. Deciding to come to America he bargained for transportation for himself and wife by selling their time, a common custom in Colonial days, and it is believed served seven years in one of the eastern counties of Pennsylvania to pay for their passage here. Moving from Philadelphia to Bedford county,



H. U. Snyder

Pa., they came thence to Westmoreland county, Pa., and in 1800 accompanied their son Conrad to Brady township, Butler Co., Pa., where Conrad Snyder, Sr., died March 10, 1827, aged ninety-two years. His wife, Nancy, died July 16, 1803, and both are buried in a graveyard on the Snyder farm. They had three children: Catherine, who married Frederick Dubbs; Nancy, who married Daniel Carter, and Conrad.

Conrad Snyder, Jr., son of Conrad (Sr.) and Nancy Snyder, was born in Philadelphia county, Pa., in 1777, and came with his parents to Butler county, Pa., when twenty-three years of age. Purchasing four hundred acres now known as the Watson farm, he sold half of the tract subsequently and gave the balance to his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Double. After residing there some years he purchased the two hundred acres in Brady township upon which his son Conrad afterward lived and died. He was the most extensive farmer and stock breeder in that section of the country, a few years before his death owning three thousand acres of land in Brady, Franklin and Slippery Rock townships. He gave each of his children two hundred acres of land, and when he died the remainder was sold and divided among them. Mr. Snyder was a celebrated trapper, and during pioneer days made considerable money by that means, which he invested carefully in stock and lands. Though a self-educated man, he could read and write both English and German fluently. In politics he was first a Whig, afterward a Republican, and was interested in the success of his party, but would never accept a public office. He was one of the pioneer members of the Muddy Creek Presbyterian Church. Mr. Snyder married Ann M. Bryan, a daughter of Seth Bryan, of Westmoreland county, Pa., and nine children were born to them: John married Elizabeth Ralston and lived and died in Brady township; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Zephaniah Double; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Thomas Strain; Nancy, deceased, was the wife of Isaac Double; Zephaniah is mentioned below; Prudence, deceased, was the wife of John Webb; Effie J. is the widow of Hulmes Thompson; Conrad, now deceased, was a resident of Brady township, Butler county; Catherine is the widow of John Croll. The father of this family died Feb. 27, 1866, the mother Jan. 2, 1869, in her eighty-eighth year.

Zephaniah Snyder, son of Conrad and Ann M. Snyder, was born on the old homestead in Brady township Jan. 17, 1813, and grew to manhood amid scenes of pioneer days. He settled on two hundred acres of land in Brady township, and there continued to reside until his death, which occurred June 12, 1887. In 1834 he married Rachel Kennedy, daughter of John Kennedy, of Franklin township, Butler county, Pa. Mr. Snyder died in 1896, his widow surviving until 1905. Nine children were born to this union: Louisa, who died in 1892; Joseph C.; Mary E., wife of John McNees; Eleanor J., wife of Nicholas Ifft; Effie, wife of Robert Allen; Harvey N., attorney, of Kittanning; Rachel E., wife of W. B. Curry; Seth, and Lorenzo B. Mr. Snyder was a Republican and took an active interest in political matters. He was a member of Muddy Creek Presbyterian Church.

Harvey N. Snyder attended public school in his native township, later going to the academy at Prospect, Butler county, Pa., and still later to Witherspoon Institute, at Butler. Following this he began the study of law under the direction of Col. John M. Thompson, and was admitted to the bar of Butler county in 1871, and to the bar of Armstrong county subsequently, about 1873. Following his admission to the Butler county bar he was appointed deputy sheriff and served as such very acceptably for three years. At the expiration of his term of office he began the practice of his profession in Butler county, but moved to Kittanning in 1886, and since then has built up a large and lucrative practice, his services being in demand in many important cases in all the courts. His ability has received recognition at the hands of the people. He was elected—on the Republican ticket—to the office of district attorney in 1891, and reelected in 1904, serving two terms of three years each.

In 1873 Mr. Snyder married Frances E. Zeigler, of Mercer county, Pa., and they have six children: Jessie, who married George W. Daugherty; Mary Frances and Margaret, both public school teachers, of Kittanning; Homer H., who is a construction engineer; Philip, a graduate of the Kittanning Academy and of the law department of the University of Pittsburgh, now in the office of his father, having been admitted to the Armstrong county bar in 1910; and Renard Z., a civil engineer.

ROBERT TODD, retired woolen manufacturer, has been one of the prominent citizens of South Bethlehem, Armstrong county, for many years, and during his native business life operated the leading industry at that place. Mr. Todd is a native of Scotland, born May 16, 1834, at Alva, son of

Robert and Helen (Carmichael) Todd. His early life was spent in his native land, where he received the thorough training characteristic of the time and place. He served his apprenticeship as a carder and spinner in the mills of his native city, mastering every detail connected with the manufacture of woolens. He showed especial ability for the business, and worked himself up steadily until he secured the appointment of superintendent of one of the largest woolen mills at Alloa, Scotland, filling that position for a number of years. In 1867, he came to the United States, locating first at Duke Center, McKean Co., Pa., where he remained for a year, thence moving to Greenville, Clarion Co., Pa. In 1879, in company with his brother James Todd, he purchased the woolen mills at that place, removed the building and machinery to South Bethlehem, Armstrong county, and after installing new machinery commenced to operate the mills, in 1880. They did business under the name of Todd Brothers until the death of James Todd, when the firm became Robert Todd & Co., continuing as such until the mills were shut down, in 1893. They manufactured blankets, skirts, yarns, flannels, etc., making a specialty of the "Rose of Sharon" blankets, widely known for their extra quality. The entire output of the mills was purchased by the Joseph Horne Company, of Pittsburgh. During their existence the mills were an important factor in the well-being of the town, giving employment to a number of people and contributing considerably to its industrial prosperity. Mr. Todd's thorough familiarity with the business, and his executive qualities, made his establishment highly successful, and he won high standing among the most substantial citizens of the county. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics is a Republican.

On Oct. 13, 1870, Mr. Todd married Helen Jack Philip, daughter of William and Helen (Jack) Philip, of Greenville, Pa., both of whom were natives of Scotland. They had three children: Robert James, Helen J. (deceased) and William P.

Robert James Todd, son of Robert and Helen Jack (Philip) Todd, was born Jan. 26, 1872, in Greenville, Clarion Co., Pa., and received his education at New Bethlehem. There he also learned the trade of tailor, and in 1894 embarked in business for himself as a merchant tailor in New Bethlehem, Pa., having the only exclusive merchant tailoring establishment there. He carries an extensive stock of up-to-date goods, and has done a very successful business, drawing his trade from a wide territory in his section of Armstrong county.

On Oct. 20, 1897, Mr. Todd was married to Carrie Elizabeth Shakely, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Shoup) Shakely, of Emlenton, Pa., and a descendant of one of the oldest families of western Pennsylvania. Mr. Todd is a Presbyterian in religious connection. In politics he supports the Republican party.

WILLIAM PHILIP TODD, of South Bethlehem, Armstrong county, has been connected with the Fairmount Coal Company, of New Bethlehem, since 1894, and at present holds the responsible position of head bookkeeper. He was born April 8, 1877, in Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire, Scotland, son of Robert and Helen Jack (Philip) Todd, and has lived at South Bethlehem since he was two years old.

Mr. Todd obtained his education in the public schools. He has resided at South Bethlehem practically all his life, and began to work for the Fairmount Coal Company in 1894, in the capacity of bookkeeper. In February, 1912, he was made head bookkeeper, and he has made an excellent record for thoroughness and reliability in all he undertakes, being a typical representative of the honorable family to which he belongs.

On April 20, 1910, Mr. Todd was married to Nettie Nevada Shakely, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Shoup) Shakely, of Emlenton, Pa., and a descendant of one of the oldest settlers of Butler county; Mrs. Todd's father was a soldier in the Civil war.

Mr. Todd is a Presbyterian in religion, and in his political views is a Republican.

DANIEL LEMMON NULTON, attorney at law, of Freeport, though not engaged in practice continuously since his admission to the bar, has been very successful in his profession during the time he has devoted himself to its pursuit. He comes of a family prominently connected with legal procedure in Armstrong county, being the youngest son of the late Judge John Funk Nulton, for two terms associate judge, and who also served twice as county treasurer. His brother Barclay Nulton was a leading lawyer of Kittanning from the Civil war period until his death, in 1912.

John Funk Nulton was a prominent man in Pennsylvania for many years. He was a "War Democrat," and during the Civil war was interested in recruiting the 103d Pennsylvania

Volunteer Infantry and the 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was acquainted with many of the leading men of his day, and a personal friend and associate of Gov. Andrew G. Curtin. He was engaged in business as a contractor, doing most of the building in Kittanning after settling there, and was also very successful as a hotel-keeper in the borough. His death occurred at Kittanning in 1878. He married Margaret Rebecca Lemmon, who died in 1904, a daughter of Col. Daniel Lemmon, who served in the Black Hawk war. A longer account of the Nulton and Lemmon families appears elsewhere in this work.

Daniel Lemmon Nulton was born May 20, 1853, at Kittanning, and attended common school until his nineteenth year, later studying at Lambeth College, and at St. John's University, Haddonfield, N. J. Afterward he took up the study of law, and was admitted to the bar at Kittanning, Pa., in 1883. In 1885 he was appointed post office inspector, which office he resigned in 1888. From then much of his time was devoted to promoting the interests of the Democratic party, in which he has long been active and influential, and on seventeen different occasions he has attended State conventions of the party as a delegate. In 1911 he resumed the practice of law at Freeport, where he now makes his home.

On Jan. 23, 1875, Mr. Nulton was married at Pittsburgh, Pa., to Laura Galbraith, daughter of Rev. William Galbraith.

BAUER. For the last several years the name of Bauer in Kittanning has been associated with one of the most prosperous borough industries, the Wickboro Mirror Company when established having been composed mainly of members of this family, and all its officers have been Bauers since the formation of the present organization, in 1901. There are few enterprises in Kittanning or anywhere in Armstrong county which show better development. The business ability and principles of the owners entitle them to a place among the most valuable factors in the local industrial situation, and all the representatives of the family here have been creditable citizens. They are of German extraction. Conrad Bauer, their grandfather, was born in Germany and passed all his life in that country, dying at the age of fifty-three years. He was a silver miner, working in mines which were opened in 1785 and are still running. He was one of five brothers. He married Susanna Linweaver, who like himself passed all her life in Germany, and died in 1855, when her son Christian was twelve years old. They had the following children: Victor, who took the old homestead in Germany and was drowned in the river Lahn; Henry, who was the first of the family to come to America; Christian Jacob; Louisa, who is deceased; Margaret, who lives in Germany; Christina, born in 1841, who died from injuries received by falling on an icy sidewalk in Pittsburgh, in February, 1908, when aged sixty-seven years; and Susanna.

Henry Bauer, second son of Conrad Bauer, was born Jan. 7, 1837, in Laurenberg, which is on the river Rhine, in the province of Nassau. He came to the United States in 1864, and settled in Armstrong county, Pa., for a time, working as a miner at Pine Creek Furnace. He died May 25, 1897, in Kittanning. His wife, Rosina Morman, died May 21, 1890, aged forty years, eleven months, five days. She was born in Germany. They were married in Kittanning, Pa. They had the following children: John, who is president of the Wickboro Mirror Company and is also engaged in the insurance business at Vandergrift, Pa.; Henry; Christian; Catherine, who married Turney B. Richardson, of Wickboro, and has had children, Mildred (born Feb. 16, 1902), Ruth (born Aug. 10, 1903), Thelma (born March 17, 1905, deceased), Dorothy (born Feb. 19, 1907), Velma (born Oct. 22, 1908), and Merl Christian (born June 19, 1911); Louisa, who married William Semmens, of Wickboro, and has children, Robert (born June 6, 1909), and Clifford (born Jan. 6, 1911).

John Bauer, son of Henry and Rosina (Morman) Bauer, was born Sept. 17, 1874, in Fairmont City, Clarion Co., Pa. In 1891, he came to Kittanning, Pa., and worked at the pottery trade. In 1897, he started to work as agent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company at Kittanning, in 1899 was promoted to the office of assistant superintendent of that company, and was transferred to New Kensington, Pa., from there back to Kittanning, and then to Vandergrift. Resigning his position as assistant superintendent of the Prudential Insurance Company at Vandergrift in the year 1903, he came back to Kittanning, Pa., joining his brothers Henry and Christian in the mirror business, becoming president of the Wickboro Mirror Company. He was the representative and bookkeeper of the Wickboro Mirror Company up to April 30, 1909, when he resigned his position with

that company in order to accept a position as agent for the Prudential Insurance Company at Kittanning, but still retains his stock in the Wickboro Mirror Company. Working as agent up to 1912, he was then promoted again to the office of assistant superintendent of the Prudential Insurance Company, but transferred to Vandergrift, Pa., where he is still at present time, April, 1914. Mr. Bauer has taken considerable interest in the public affairs of Wickboro, has served three years as member of the borough council, resigning from this office on account of moving to Vandergrift, in August, 1912, and he has done his share toward the promotion of the general welfare. In political connection he is a Republican. On March 6, 1893, Mr. Bauer married Cora Irene Campbell, who was born in North Buffalo, June 21, 1874, daughter of Alexander Finley and Mary E. (Claypoole) Campbell. They have a family of eight children: Grace Irene, born April 7, 1894; Leona May, born Jan. 22, 1897; Thomas, born May 30, 1899 (died July 7, 1899); Alonza Alfred, born July 21, 1900; Marie C., born June 6, 1903; Evelin M., born March 27, 1906; Imogene R., born Nov. 8, 1909; and Eunice M., born July 16, 1912.

Henry Bauer, son of Henry and Rosina (Morman) Bauer, was born April 4, 1876, in Clarion county, Pa. His first work was at coal mining, at Fairmount City, Clarion county. In 1891, he came to Kittanning and worked at the pottery trade. In 1898, he was assistant superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company at Kittanning, being thus engaged until he and his brother Christian organized the Wickboro Mirror Company in company with Mr. Wolford. He has been treasurer of that company since the reorganization, in 1902, and by his judicious management and devotion to its interests, and the application of his practical ideas, has contributed materially to the steady growth of its business. Mr. Bauer has taken considerable interest in the public affairs of Wickboro, has served two terms as tax collector (first from 1901 to 1902, when he resigned, in 1909 being re-elected to serve five years), and served one year as member of the borough council. He has done his share toward the promotion of the general welfare. In political connection he is a Republican. He is a member and officer of St. Luke's Reformed Church, being one of the elders.

In 1901, Mr. Bauer married Fannie O. Hooks, who was born in Franklin township, Armstrong county, Feb. 29, 1876, daughter of James and Margaret (Gibson) Hooks. They have a family of four children: Henry Paul, born Dec. 25, 1902; Ralph Hooks, born June 24, 1904; Mary Elizabeth, born May 12, 1911; and Fred Le Roy, born Nov. 8, 1912. They live at No. 903 Orr avenue.

Christian Bauer, son of Henry and Rosina (Morman) Bauer, was born April 13, 1880, in Fairmount City, Clarion Co., Pa., where he attended school until November, 1891, when he came to Kittanning. At the age of fourteen he entered the employ of the Wickboro China Company as an apprentice, remaining with that concern until 1898, when he became engaged at the Crystal Mirror Works, being there for the next three years. He then acted as agent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company for six months, in 1901 organizing the Wickboro Mirror Company, to which he has since given his principal attention. He started this establishment in association with his brother Henry and a Mr. Wolford, and they began business in a small building in the Wickboro district of Kittanning, employing but three men. In 1902, Mr. Wolford's interests were purchased by the Bauers and the company was reorganized and capitalized at $30,000. At this time the older brother, John Bauer, and William F. Bauer, cousin of John, Christian and Henry, entered the firm, John Bauer becoming president, and the other officers being as follows: William F. Bauer, vice president; Henry Bauer, treasurer; and Christian Bauer, secretary. The business has shown steady progress. The plant has been enlarged to meet the increasing demands of the trade, and is now splendidly equipped, and the volume of business has grown so that fifteen men are constantly employed. The establishment is therefore a public benefit to the town, affording as it does regular employment to a number of men and support to their families. Personally the brothers are all citizens of the highest standing.

On June 11, 1900, Christian O. Bauer was married to Nettie May Clark, who was born April 10, 1883, at Kittanning, daughter of Robert B. and Katharine Susanna (Ream) Clark, of New Kensington, Pa. They have had four children, born as follows: Clarence Robert, March 22, 1901; Verna Rosina, June 3, 1904; Kenneth Christian, Dec. 9, 1907; Katharine May, Aug. 10, 1913. Mr. Bauer is a prominent member of St. Luke's Reformed Church, in which he serves as deacon. On political questions he is a Republican. His home is at 426 Highland avenue.

Christian Jacob Bauer, son of Conrad

and Susanna (Linweaver) Bauer, was born Sept. 6, 1843, in Laurenburg, Nassau, Germany, and there passed his early life. He served three years in the army. He was married in Germany when twenty-six years old to Sophia Smith, and three weeks later set sail with his bride for America, joining his brother Henry, who was then working as a miner at Pine Creek Furnace, Armstrong Co., Pa. There Christian Jacob Bauer found work also, being for six years with John Painter, after which he moved to Red Bank Furnace, where he was employed for one year. Thence he removed to Fairmount City, Clarion county, where he established a home, building a house in which he lived for many years and where his children were reared. While living at Fairmount City, Mr. Bauer followed mining. The family home was there for a period of thirty-five years and there Mrs. Bauer died in 1896, at the age of fifty. She was the mother of the following children: Charles, who lives on the Isle of Man, Great Britain; William F., vice president of the Wickboro Mirror Company, born Aug. 19, 1880, who is a prominent worker in the Republican party, acting as committeeman for Wickboro, and is well known fraternally as a member of the Odd Fellows and Eagles at Kittanning; Susanna, unmarried, who lives with her father; Christina, Mrs. Ed. Beck; and Anna, Mrs. Herbert Moore.

Mr. Bauer continued to reside at Fairmount City for sixteen years after the death of his wife, his daughter Susanna keeping house for him, and in 1911 they came to Kittanning, where most of his children are located. After leaving the place which had been his home for so many years his heart turned to the Fatherland, and wishing to see once more the scenes of his birth and early life he set out with his daughter Susanna for the Old World. They first went to the Isle of Man, England, where his son Charles (who like his father had settled far from his early home) resides, and there was an affectionate meeting between the long separated members of the family. After a two months' sojourn there the travelers proceeded to Germany by way of Belgium, going to the old home in Nassau, Germany, where Mr. Bauer's sister Margaret lives. There he celebrated the sixty-eighth anniversary of his birth, practically the whole town of Laurenburg uniting to do him honor. The village schoolmaster and his pupils formed a choir to give him greeting in song, and Mr. Bauer acknowledged his appreciation of the good will shown on all sides in a speech in praise of his home across the sea. The occasion was highly enjoyable, and its memory will long live in the minds and hearts of those who were present. Mr. Bauer and his daughter spent a month at his old home, and then returned to America as they had gone out, by way of the Isle of Man, where they spent another month with Charles Bauer.

Since his return Mr. Bauer has acted as night watchman at the plant of the Kittanning Plate Glass Company. He and his family belong to St. Luke's Reformed Church, which has many Bauers in its membership. Mr. Bauer, his daughter and son William F., reside at No. 420 Fair street.

JOHN A. HILL, member of the firm of Stull-Hill-Coulter Company, general merchants at Leechburg, was born in Butler county, Pa., March 5, 1863, son of Shiloh and Mary E. (Weaver) Hill.

Shiloh Hill was born Oct. 18, 1825, on the old family homestead in what is now Gilpin township, Armstrong county. He learned the milling business, and afterward bought a farm in Butler county which he operated for a few years. Then he ran the Hill gristmill in Allegheny township, Westmoreland county, living at Bagdad most of the time and he spent one summer in the oil fields where he was interested to some extent in oil production, but devoted the larger part of his time to milling. From 1870 until 1872 he operated the Elwood mill at Leechburg. For several years before his death he was retired, his death occurring June 27, 1888; he was buried in the Freeport cemetery. He married Mary E. Weaver, daughter of Peter and Mary (Roney) Weaver, and they had a family of ten children, as follows: Mary and Sarah, twins, who died young; Laura, widow of Andrew J. Stull; John A.; Jessie, wife of S. J. Swank; James R.; Grant, a member of the Stull-Hill-Coulter Company; Frederick and Charles S., both also members of that firm; and Hattie C., wife of Robert P. Elwood.

John A. Hill attended school in both Gilpin and Allegheny townships and was trained practically from boyhood in his father's mill, of which he took charge in 1877, operating it for some years. In 1887 he came to Leechburg to conduct a mill, which he ran for four years, when he entered the firm of Smail, Stull & Hill, who had the establishment now carried on by the Stull-Hill-Coulter Company, dealers in groceries and general supplies. They have enlarged the scope of their trade considerably since, now also handling grain, feed

and hay. The different members of the firm have charge of different departments, all working together as a whole, and John A. Hill takes care of the hardware, plumbing and roofing business. He has additional business interests, being a director of the Leechburg Realty Company, and secretary and treasurer of the Philadelphia Milling & Mining Company. In politics a Republican, the success of his party is always gratifying to him. He has served one term as a councilman and two terms as a member of the school board, has been secretary for the borough since 1901, and is secretary and a director of the Leechburg Board of Trade.

On May 30, 1888, Mr. Hill was married to Mary Coulter, daughter of S. L. Coulter, and they have seven daughters: Edna C., L. Maude, Ruth E., Jessie E., Jeane E., Ida E., and Ada E. Mr. Hill and his family belong to the Hebron Lutheran Church at Leechburg, of which he has been an official for twenty years. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Leechburg Lodge, No. 377, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; and to Orient Chapter, R. A. M., at Kittanning.

DAVID REYNOLDS, now living retired at Ford City, Armstrong county, is a member of a family which has been known in Kittanning, this county, for many years, his grandfather, David Reynolds, having founded the hotel there which bore his name, and its modern successor, the "Hotel Reynolds," continues to be one of the well-known places of public entertainment in this region.

David Reynolds, the grandfather, was for many years engaged in the hotel business, being proprietor of the old frame hotel at Kittanning, the first "Reynolds House." He also had other interests, being a man of wealth and influence, and owned large tracts of land, farming on an extensive scale. He was a Whig in politics, and served several years as postmaster at Kittanning. He was twice married, his first wife being a Woodward, his second a Ross, and his children were as follows: Harriet, wife of John Leech, of Leechburg, Pa.; Margaret, wife of Peter Weaver, of Freeport, Pa.; Mary, wife of John Watson; Absalom Woodward; Washington; Alexander; Frank; Ross; Jane, widow of Joseph Graff, now residing at Graff station, in Manor township; Judith, wife of A. J. Dull, of Harrisburg, Pa.; and Sallie, who died unmarried.

Alexander Reynolds, son of David, was for many years engaged in the iron business, in that connection building a furnace in Armstrong county and one in Clarion county, being one of the pioneers in this industry in this section of Pennsylvania. He was a man of recognized business ability, accumulated considerable means, and retained the respect and esteem of his fellow men throughout his long and active life. He was a Whig in politics, subsequently a Republican. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and belonged to the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Reynolds died in 1880, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife, Martha (Dennison), died about 1887, at the age of sixty-seven. They were the parents of the following children: David; Sarah D., widow of Dr. J. G. Cunningham; John D.; and Ellen, who married Capt. W. R. May.

David Reynolds, son of Alexander, was born Oct. 12, 1840, in Kittanning, in the old frame hotel known as the "Reynolds House," which occupied the same site as the present brick "Hotel Reynolds." He began his education in the public schools of Kittanning, and for three years attended the Turtle Creek Academy, after which he entered the Sewickley Academy, where he was also a pupil for about three years. He then went to Red Bank Furnace, where he became identified with his father in the iron business, in which line they had a large and profitable patronage for many years. He was in this business for about thirty-six years in all, he and his brother John D. continuing it for several years after the death of their father. About 1888 David Reynolds withdrew and located at Ford City, which at that time was a settlement of only a few houses. The Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, who have the largest works of the kind in the world, having established a plant at Ford City. Mr. Reynolds became watchman for that concern, continuing to hold that position about one year. In 1890 he was elected burgess of the new town of Ford City, and a little later was elected assessor, holding the former office for three years and the latter for five years. During the Roosevelt administration he was appointed postmaster at Ford City, and served as such four years, since which time he has been living retired from active pursuits. He is a highly respected citizen, having served his community well in every office to which he was chosen. He is a Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge No. 244, F. & A. M., and to Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M., both of Kittanning.

In 1867 Mr. Reynolds married Margaret Deitrick, and they are the parents of four children: Sarah D., deceased, wife of W. E.

Noble; Harry A., who is prominently identified with the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company; David, Jr.; and Kissie, widow of Dr. W. D. Jessop, dentist (they had two children, Dorothy R. and Clair).

JOHN SAMUEL ARTMAN, merchant and manufacturer of Ford City, Armstrong county, is one of the all around active citizens of his section, interested in business and public life, well known in social circles and thoroughly respected in all the relations of life. He was born Oct. 3, 1856, in Westmoreland county, Pa., son of Michael and Rachel (Hill) Artman, of that county, the Artman family being of German stock, the Hills of Scotch-Irish extraction.

Michael Artman grew up in Westmoreland county and attended the common schools. He learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed throughout his active years, and he and his wife are still living in Westmoreland county (1912), he at the age of eighty-four years, she aged eighty-two. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. They had a family of six children, namely: John Samuel; Miller, a blacksmith and wagon-maker by trade, who was a merchant and postmaster at Milligantown, Westmoreland county; Emma, who married M. Portner, M. D., of Bevan, Pa.; Martha, who married David Guthrie, a carpenter, of New Kensington, Pa.; James; and G. H.

John Samuel Artman was given a common school education. At the age of fifteen years he commenced to learn to make grain cradles, with Matthew Miller, of Westmoreland county, for whom he worked three years without wages, and another year for which he was paid. He was twenty when he started out on his own account, in 1876 coming to Armstrong county and settling in Manor township, where Ford City now stands. For the next eighteen years he was in the employ of T. Montgomery, making cradles, and Mr. Montgomery retiring at the end of that period Mr. Artman continued the business at the old stand for a number of years. In 1907 he located at his present place in Ford City, and he is still engaged in the manufacture of grain cradles, selling his product entirely to the wholesale trade. However, this one interest has by no means claimed all his attention. In 1900, in company with H. H. Heilman, he started a shoe store in Ford City under the name of Artman & Heilman, and their establishment is not only the leading one in the borough but in all this section. They have a fine stock and a thoroughly up-to-date store, conducted along the most modern lines, and the business is one of the most prosperous in this region. For several years Mr. Artman was interested in the gas business, drilling, leasing and selling, and met with success in that line as he has in all his ventures. He also owns a valuable tract of land, 225 acres of the old William Heilman homestead in Bethel township, this county, and is kept busy with the management of his numerous concerns, though he has found time to do his share in the work of local government. He has held the offices of school director, tax collector, overseer of the poor and constable, filling their duties with his customary ability and fidelity, and on political questions is identified with the Democratic party. Fraternally he holds membership in the Elks at Kittanning, and the Eagles and Knights of Pythias at Ford City.

In the fall of 1878 Mr. Artman married Margaret Heilman, of Kittanning township, who was born in that township, daughter of William Heilman, and they have had two children: Edna B. received her education at Kittanning, Pa., and Canton, Ohio, and is now the wife of Walter Bowser, of Ford City (they have two children, Margaret and Dick); Earl D. has always worked with his father. Mrs. Artman is a member of the Lutheran Church.

ALBERT LEE ISEMAN, business man of Freeport, was born Sept. 11, 1868, in Armstrong county, a son of Andrew and Mary Ann (Grinder) Iseman. The founders of the Iseman and Grinder families came from Germany to the United States at an early day, settling in the Eastern States.

Andrew Iseman was born July 14, 1818, and his wife was born April 4, 1825. He was a highly respected man during his useful life, which was terminated in 1906, his wife following him to the grave, Nov. 30, 1911. There were seven children in their family, five of whom are still living, and Albert Lee Iseman is the youngest of them all. The father was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church and for two different terms represented the local denomination in the assembly. Politically he was a Democrat.

Albert Lee Iseman attended school until he was sixteen years old, and has since regretted that his father's financial affairs necessitated his leaving at that time. But he has added to his store of knowledge by reading and observation. Until he was twenty years

old he remained at home, but being ambitious he felt that he could accomplish more away from the family circle. He secured a position as tool dresser in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, at one dollar per day. Because of his fidelity he was promoted to be a driller, working in this capacity for four years. Having saved money enough to buy himself a drilling outfit he undertook the drilling of oil and gas wells by contract, which he found difficult to obtain on account of having no friends or acquaintances in that line of business to whom he could apply for help, having to rely solely on himself. By years of determination and hard work, and after numerous disappointments, he worked himself up to be in touch with some of the largest gas companies of the Pittsburgh district. After following this line for a few years he became one of the organizers of the Cumberland Gas Company, which was organized in 1899, and has been and continues to be a success. Then in the year 1903 he was also one of the promoters of the Beckett, Iseman Oil & Gas Company, and also the heaviest stockholder, the company still doing an active business at the present time in different states. In 1908 the demands on his time and energy were so heavy that he was either compelled to dispose of his drilling or contracting end of the work, or take a partner, and he chose the latter course, forming an association with his brother, J. H. Iseman, the drilling business being done under the name of A. L. & J. H. Iseman, which firm continues to exist at the present time. Mr. Iseman became a stockholder of the Freeport Telephone Company when it was organized, later becoming a director, and he is still an active member of the board. This company, in addition to local wires, has long distance connections and has lines all over the country. The same natural ability that enabled the poor lad of twenty to develop into the prosperous business man of today makes it possible for Mr. Iseman to promote and carry to successful completion undertakings of great magnitude. A number of enterprises of Freeport and contiguous territory which have been successful may be credited to his example and assistance. He has always been progressive relative to home improvements. In October, 1907, Mr. Iseman organized and had chartered the Ben Franklin Coal Company, chartered in Pennsylvania, capitalized at $200,000; this company is now operating two mines, and after adding proper equipment will have a daily tonnage of from 1,000 to 1,500 tons. Mr. Iseman owns fifty per cent of the stock of this company. In April, 1912, Mr. Iseman, in company with three others, organized the Ben Franklin Coal Company of West Virginia, chartered in West Virginia at $250,000, which has a bright future.

On Nov. 19, 1896, Mr. Iseman was married to Frances Knowles, daughter of George Knowles, of Sewickley, Pa. Mrs. Iseman is a college graduate, and prior to her marriage was a teacher in the higher grade schools of Allegheny county. Mr. and Mrs. Iseman are the parents of five children: Nellie Clare, Milton Knowles, Mary Ruth, Albert Lee, Jr., and Floyd Andrew. An enthusiastic Mason Mr. Iseman has attained the thirty-second degree, being a member of the Consistory of Pittsburgh; he also belongs to Commandery No. 1, K. T., and other branches of the organization. Politically he is a Democrat, but not an office seeker. Keen, shrewd, aggressive, Mr. Iseman is one of the best business men this locality has ever known.

JOHN A. BLACK, of Kittanning, one of the progressive citizens of Armstrong county, was born in this county Feb. 8, 1852, son of John and Catherine (Johnson) Black.

John Black was born and reared in Armstrong county, where he followed farming. His death occurred June 6, 1868. His widow survived until March 15, 1911, passing away at the age of ninety years. He was a member of the Seceder Church, she of the Lutheran Church. Their only child was John A. Black.

John A. Black was educated in the public schools of Armstrong county, and in early manhood worked on his father's farm. About 1869 he began business as a huckster, thus continuing for twenty-three years, having a thriving trade. He then became clerk in a general merchandise store at Ford City, being so engaged for two years. Always active as a Republican, his party nominated him for county auditor in 1900 and he was elected by a gratifying majority, serving one term. His faithful service in this office was recognized by his election on the Republican ticket as county commissioner, and in 1908 he was re-elected, making a record as a public official highly gratifying to his constituents. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks Lodge at Kittanning, and the Odd Fellows Lodge (No. 932) at Manorville, Pa., and takes a real interest in the welfare of these organizations.

In 1873 Mr. Black was married to Susanna Fitzgerald, daughter of Isaac Fitzgerald of Armstrong county. Six children have been

born to them: Esther M., wife of Jacob M. Hauk; Isaac J., who married Laura Ragan; Elizabeth, at home; John W., who married Rose Dunmyer; Alice B., wife of Charles M. Clever; and Harry E., at home. A consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Black has served three years as trustee of same.

JEREMIAH KLINGENSMITH, one of the leading citizens of Gilpin township, Armstrong county, where he is now engaged in the cider and feed business, has been active in that locality in various other connections and is a man whose worth is universally recognized. He was born Sept. 9, 1861, in what is now Gilpin (then Allegheny) township, son of Henry W. Klingensmith. His great-grandfather, who came to this country from Germany, was a pioneer in western Pennsylvania.

Adam Klingensmith, grandfather of Jeremiah Klingensmith, was born in 1804 and died in 1871. He settled in what is now Parks township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he owned a farm of sixty acres, and besides cultivating his place hewed timber for barns. His remains are interred at the Forks Church in Gilpin township. His wife, Jennie (Shoop), was born in 1809 and died in 1876. Their children were: David, who went West; Henry W.; Abraham, of Armstrong county; Adam, who went West; and Peter, of Armstrong county.

Henry W. Klingensmith, son of Adam, was born in Allegheny township (now Parks), this county, in 1829, and beginning life as a carpenter, became a contractor and lumber dealer. He was a useful member of his community, a man of proverbial honesty, and was well known in his day. He died at Leechburg, this county, May 30, 1910, when he was eighty-one years of age, and is buried in the Forks cemetery. His first wife, Esther (Myers), born Feb. 20, 1832, died July 9, 1868, the mother of the following children: Susanna, who is deceased; Thomas M.; Leanda, who married William S. Miller; Aaron, deceased; Philip, of Westmoreland county; Jeremiah; Winchester, of Gilpin township; Margaret, who married Philip Brothers; and Laban, who was killed by a train. After the death of his first wife Mr. Klingensmith married (second) Sina Craig, of Red Bank, born Nov. 28, 1834, who died Nov. 8, 1903. By this marriage he became the father of four children: Augustus J., of Leechburg; Clarissa, of Leechburg; a daughter that died young; and Harry, of Leechburg. Mr. Klingensmith was subsequently married (third) to the widow of Finley Shuster; she survives, making her home at Leechburg. There were no children by this marriage.

Mr. Klingensmith belonged to that class of men developed during the last century whose strength and influence were felt strongly in the community. During his residence in Parks township he was one of the citizens who aided in its progress and contributed to the betterment of existing conditions, and his loss was deeply felt.

Jeremiah Klingensmith received his education in the common schools of his native township. After following farming for a short time during his early manhood he went to work in the sheet mill at Leechburg, in 1881, entering the employ of Kirkpatrick & Co. He continued to follow mill work for twenty years, until in 1901 he bought a fine farm of 129 acres near Leechburg, on the Kittanning road, purchasing this property from the Elizabeth Patterson heirs. From time to time he sold parts of this tract, in 1911 disposing of all that was left except the small piece upon which his home is located. In 1907, he began the manufacture of cider, and from a small beginning has built up a very large trade, so extensive that in August, 1911, he installed in his plant a cider press of the most modern make, of thirty-five to forty tons capacity, and a twelve-horsepower engine. He also has a chop mill, having established a feed business of profitable proportions since he entered that line, and he now gives all his attention to his cider and feed establishment. He is at present serving as a member of the school board of Gilpin township, to which office he was elected in 1909, and he is a leading member of the Hebron Lutheran Church at Leechburg. He was at one time a prominent member of the Forks Lutheran Church, which he served officially as trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school. In politics he is a Republican and much interested in the success of the party.

In 1882, Mr. Klingensmith married Ella R. Miller, who was born in 1861, daughter of John C. Miller, of Westmoreland county, and died in 1899. She was the mother of three children: Charles C., who was killed at Sharon, Pa., Feb. 23, 1909, when twenty-seven years old; Myrtle R., a graduate of the Leechburg high school, now engaged in teaching at Leechburg; and Ira M., a graduate of the Leechburg high school, now teaching in Gilpin township. Mr. Klingensmith's second

marriage was to Annie M. Sober, daughter of John Sober, and they have three children: Edith, Paul N. and Lelan J.

HARRY A. HEILMAN, attorney at law of Kittanning, son of William M. Heilman, was born September 25, 1875, in Kittanning. He grew up in that city, attending the public schools there, and then entered Phillips Academy, at Andover, Mass., from which he was graduated in 1895. He then entered the University of Princeton, New Jersey, attending for two years, and subsequently took a course at the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1899. In August of the same year Mr. Heilman was admitted to the bar of Armstrong county and to the Philadelphia bar. He read law with George Stuart Patterson, and also with the late John T. Crawford. Mr. Heilman has been in active practice since 1899, and he has met with a degree of success that is remarkable. From 1905 to 1909, he was in partnership with R. A. McCullough, since which time he has practiced alone.

On April 10, 1901, Mr. Heilman was married to Bessie Hulings, daughter of Gen. Willis J. Hulings, of Oil City, Pa. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Heilman: Emma, Willis J., William M. and Mary Anderson. Mr. Heilman belongs to the First Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is a member of Blue Lodge No. 244, F. & A. M., of Kittanning, is a thirty-second degree Mason, and he is also a member of the Order of Elks.

MILO D. SHAW, of Apollo, Pa., proprietor and manager of the Shaw-Phillips Company, merchants, was born Dec. 20, 1879, in Westmoreland County, Pa., son of William and Elizabeth (Watson) Shaw.

The Shaw family originated in Ireland, while the Watson family came from Scotland. William Shaw located in Armstrong county three years previous to his death. He was a farmer for many years, and died in Apollo, this county, March 24, 1911, after a long and useful life. He married Elizabeth Watson, born in Westmoreland county, daughter of David Watson, a native of that county, and she survives, making her home at Apollo. She and her husband had five children, four of whom survive, Milo D. being the youngest of them all. Mr. Shaw was a member of the Presbyterian Church, which he served as trustee, attending service at Polk River. Mrs. Shaw still holds her membership there. During the Civil war, Mr. Shaw gave practical evidence of his patriotism by enlisting in Company I, 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served for a year. Early in life he was a Democrat, but his political convictions underwent a change, and he later wielded his influence in favor of the Prohibition party. While residing in Westmoreland county he held a number of township offices, and he was always a man of importance in his community.

Milo D. Shaw attended public school in Westmoreland county until he was fifteen years old, when he entered the Kiskiminetas Springs Academy. When he was nineteen years of age he began teaching, thus continuing for seven years, being engaged in the country districts. At the expiration of that period he entered business life, embarking in the retail dry goods trade in Apollo in 1901. For two years he was associated with Van T. Shepler & Co., and having gained valuable experience, was made manager of the company, holding that responsible position for three years. He then formed a stock company under the name of Shaw-Phillips Company, for the purpose of conducting a first-class dry goods store in Apollo. The officers of the company are: Edward Phillips, president, and Milo D. Shaw, secretary and treasurer. From its inception the company has prospered, and its store is one of the best in this part of the county.

On March 24, 1900, Mr. Shaw was married in Vandergrift, Pa., to Jessie M. Bush, daughter of Dr. A. A. Bush, of Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw became the parents of two children: Mariam V. B., born Dec. 26, 1904; and Bernard B., born June 18, 1909. Mr Shaw is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Apollo. Fraternally he is a Mason. The Republican party receives his cordial and effective support. At present he is giving the school board of Apollo the benefit of his practical experience as an instructor, serving it as director.

T. A. CUNNINGHAM, who has been closely associated with the development of the Apollo Woolen Mills, at Apollo, was born April 2, 1868, in Armstrong county, Pa., son of Samuel and Rachel (Grim) Cunningham.

The founder of the Cunningham family in America was born in Ireland, of Scotch ancestry. Samuel Cunningham died when his son T. A. Cunningham was a small boy. During his early life he was employed making grain cradles and also at work on a farm.

To him and his wife were born nine children, five of which family still survive, and T. A. was the fifth of the family in the order of birth. Samuel Cunningham was a Methodist, and very active in church matters. An honorable, hard-working man, he gained universal respect, and his community lost a good citizen when he passed away. His widow still survives, now sixty-nine years old, making her home with her son T. A. Cunningham. Isaac Grim, her father, was a pioneer of Armstrong county.

T. A. Cunningham attended common school in his district until he was fourteen years old, and remained with his mother until he was twenty. He then commenced working in the Carnegie Rolling Mills at Pittsburgh, from which he went to the Black Diamond steel works in that city. Prior to the great strike in the Apollo Iron & Steel Works he came hither, and after engaging in agricultural work for a short period entered those works. For six months he was a rougher, and then became a roller, continuing thus until the strike. Following this he started a fifty-seven-inch mill for the Apollo Iron & Steel Company at Vandergrift, Pa., and remained in that business until 1907. He was one of the organizers of the Trio Lumber Company at Vandergrift Heights. Meantime he had bought a farm of 168 acres in Westmoreland county upon which he lived for two years. Selling his farm, he bought a half interest in the Apollo Woolen Mills (Limited) in 1907, and in 1908 the concern was incorporated under the name of the Apollo Woolen Mills, Inc., and capitalized at $30,000, $26,000 of which was at once taken up. They were handicapped somewhat by the fact that the ground on which the plant was situated did not belong to the company, but the Board of Trade of Apollo awarded them the property, so that the mills could benefit the borough, offering inducements to people to move there with the assurance of profitable employment. The mills then opened up with increased capacity, being able to produce one hundred bed blankets every ten hours, the mills running one-third time on this work and two-thirds on turf goods. The officers of the company are as follows: L. W. Huyck, president; T. A. Cunningham, treasurer; W. U. Flinn, vice president; John Hankey, business manager. The factory is now running full time, manufacturing to the limit of its capacity, though not always able to keep up with the demand. It is the intention of the company to expand, adding to its facilities. There is a large mail order trade. The mill is equipped with all necessary modern machinery for the manufacture of the particular line of goods turned out, and employment is given to a large number of skilled workmen.

Mr. Cunningham was married to Susan R. Shane, of Leechburg, Pa., and nine children have been born of this marriage, eight of whom are living: Eva P., Samuel C., Daniel A., George E., Thomas, Rachel N., Ester R., Iva J. and Ralph. Samuel, Daniel and George are working in the rolling mills, two of them at Indiana Harbor, and the other in Vandergrift. The rest of the children are attending school.

Mr. Cunningham has always been interested in church matters. He belongs to the Free Methodist denomination, in which he is a class leader, and he is also serving as Sunday school superintendent. He is ever ready to pay tribute to the care and training of his devoted mother, to whose influence he attributes his success in life, and in whose early lessons many of the best principles which have actuated him had their origin. The Prohibition party has his support, the evils of the liquor traffic and all other forms of intemperance making him a strong advocate of total abstinence. His encouragement is given to all movements which have the betterment of the community for their object, and he has done much for the welfare of his own locality.

JAMES E. STEWART, whose name carries great weight in mining circles in Pennsylvania, is general manager of the United States Sewer Pipe Company (Pittsburg-Buffalo Company) at Johnetta, Armstrong Co., Pa., with general offices at Pittsburgh, Pa. He was born in the State of Indiana, Dec. 25, 1874, and is a son of Robert and Ann (Atterson) Stewart.

Robert Stewart was born at Glasgow, Scotland, of sturdy ancestors whose honest worth upheld one of the oldest names of Scotland. When Robert Stewart was twenty years of age, he came to America, and in his search for employment reached the settlement in Pennsylvania, which developed into the present busy town of McKeesport. He followed coal mining in his own land from the age of nine years and pursued the same industry in Pennsylvania, altogether being engaged in this line for fifty years, living retired, however, for twenty-four years previous to his death, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, Ann Atterson, died when aged fifty-four years, and but two survive of

their family of nine children, Annie and James E.

James E. Stewart attended the public schools of Shelburn, Ind., and early in life began work as a miner, laboring underground through the summers and attending school in the wintertime. In 1897 he came to Pennsylvania and secured a position with the company with which he is yet associated, and began mining and electrical work at Monongahela City, Pa., for James Jones & Sons. Subsequently he was sent by this company to Bruceton, Pa., and then opened up mines at Johnetta, Ky., for the Big Hill Coal Company, remaining there two years. In June, 1904, he was called to take charge of the plants at Johnetta, Pa., a position of great responsibility, as these plants, the Johnetta brick plant and the Johnetta mine, are among the largest in the country. His selection as general manager indicates his possession of unusual business qualifications and a thorough knowledge of the industry under his charge gained in long experience.

Mr. Stewart was married in 1904 to Lillie Miller, a daughter of Frank Miller, a resident of Pittsburgh, Pa., and they have two daughters: Sarah L. and Elsie A. Mr. Stewart and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Politically he is a Republican, while fraternally he is identified with Leechburg Lodge, No. 577, F. & A. M., and Monongahela City Lodge, No. 455, B. P. O. Elks. Besides looking after his company's interests in Johnetta, Pa., Mr. Stewart spends part of his time at their plant in Kentucky.

The Johnetta plant of the United States Sewer Pipe Company and the Johnetta mine are both located at Johnetta, Pa., thirty-three miles north of Pittsburgh on the Buffalo & Allegheny Valley division of the Pennsylvania railroad. These important industries bring prosperity to many residents of this section, the brick plant—which was established in 1898—alone giving employment to from four hundred to four hundred and fifty men. This plant is the largest of its kind in the country, never closes, and turns out over one hundred thousand bricks daily, for which a market is found all over the United States and Canada. A description of the brick plant and mine will be found in Chapter XVIII, in the history section of this work.

WASHINGTON ROSS CHRISTY was born in Manor township, Armstrong Co., Pa., May 12, 1841, and died in his native county, Oct. 15, 1910. He was a son of John and Sarah (Ross) Christy.

Daniel Christy, the grandfather, was of Irish extraction, while his wife, Rebecca, was of Scotch-Irish descent. He located in Beaver county, Pa., where he followed farming, and was a prominent citizen, serving as county commissioner. His large family grew up to be a credit to him.

John Christy, son of Daniel, was born in Beaver county, Pa., and in 1833 came to Armstrong county, Pa., buying the farm in Manor township now owned by his son Jefferson. He was one of the early settlers here, and had to clear his land and develop the farm, enduring much in the way of privation and hardship until the country became settled. The Christys believed, however, that industry and perseverance conquer all things, and success attended their undertakings. John Christy and his wife were good Christian people, and did much toward the organization of the Appleby Manor Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Christy was an elder for many years. He was its first ruling elder and clerk. In 1822 he married Agnes McGregor, by whom he had three children, Jane (wife of John H. Wilson), William and Daniel. In 1830 Mr. Christy married (second) Sarah Ann Ross, of Armstrong county, and seven sons and three daughters were born to this union: George R. and Joseph M., twins; Mary M.; Rebecca A.; James, who died in his twenty-sixth year while serving in the Union army, from exhaustion after the seven days' fight in front of Richmond; John C., who was also a Union soldier in the Civil war; Washington R.; Jefferson Reynolds; Amelia B., and Stephen.

Washington Ross Christy attended the district schools and Elders Ridge Academy. During the Civil war, like his brothers, he was a brave and efficient soldier, enlisting July 25, 1863, in Company B, 2d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and received an honorable discharge Jan. 21, 1864. After his military service was over he returned to the peaceful pursuits of agriculture and became a successful farmer in Manor township. He was interested in the Grange movement and belonged to the local body. He was a consistent and liberal member of the Appleby Manor Presbyterian Church.

On May 23, 1877, Mr. Christy was married to Margaret E. Smith, daughter of John and Eliza Smith, the former of whom was born in Indiana county, Pa., Aug. 17, 1806, and died Feb. 21, 1881; the latter, born Dec.

17, 1817, died Dec. 9, 1886. They were well-known people, Mr. Smith being a substantial farmer of Indiana county. To Mr. and Mrs. Christy five children were born, as follows: Harry S., who died at the age of twelve years; Guy C., who is one of the well known members of the Armstrong county bar; Lida P.; Jessie R., and Robert L.

PROF. DAVID W. LAWSON, deceased, was born in the Ligonier valley in Westmoreland county, Pa., May 21, 1836, son of Joseph Lawson.

Joseph Lawson was born in 1787, and died Jan. 31, 1872, aged eighty-four years, five months; his wife, Rebecca McLaughlin, born in 1797, died Feb. 25, 1872, in her seventy-fifth year. Moving from Westmoreland county to Indiana county, they became prominent people there, and still later made themselves equally respected in Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa. Their remains are interred in the old Methodist cemetery near Dayton.

David W. Lawson, son of Joseph Lawson, was brought up on the farm, remaining at home until he was fifteen years old, attending the academy at Elder's Ridge. Young as he was, he began teaching in Jefferson, and the following spring entered the Dayton Union Academy. Following this he became a student in Allegheny College, where he displayed that intellectuality which was marked a characteristic during his whole life. When only twenty-one years old, he was graduated from Madison College, and began teaching in the Dayton Union Academy, later becoming its principal. Very ambitious, he read law with Colonel Todd, of Indiana, Pa., but owing to the failure of his none too strong health he had to abandon his purpose of becoming a lawyer. He then devoted himself to farming, operating his property along scientific lines, becoming one of the celebrated agriculturists of western Pennsylvania, noted chiefly for his production of fine grade wool. He lectured upon agricultural subjects in Armstrong county, and considerably raised standards in his locality. In his death his community lost a good citizen and public-spirited man. Mr. Lawson passed away on his farm near Dayton June 18, 1900. His property, comprising 175 acres, was highly developed by him, and is also valuable because of the fact that it is underlaid with bituminous coal.

Mr. Lawson was married June 22, 1857, to Mary A. Marshall, born Oct. 14, 1838, daughter of Robert and Mary (Hindman) Marshall. Eight children were born to this marriage: Dr. Joseph M., a practicing physician of Sidney, Ill.; Robert M., a farmer; Harry W., at home with his mother; Flora, wife of Ralston M. Mitchell; John Homer, an attorney at Kittanning; Edson E., also an attorney at Kittanning; David L., deceased; and Prof. William, a teacher at Beaver, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Lawson resides upon the farm property, being now one of the oldest residents in her community. Her recollections of the incidents of early days are very entertaining and would make a valuable volume if set down as she gives them. She has one living sister, Mrs. Rebecca Reed, widow of Rev. Samuel Reed, who formerly officiated as minister of the United Presbyterian Church.

HARVEY HOWARD HEILMAN, junior member of the shoe house of Artman & Heilman, of Ford City, was born in Bethel township, Armstrong county, in 1869, son of William and Margaret (Iseman) Heilman. An extended account of the earlier generations of the family appears elsewhere in this work.

William Heilman was born near Heilman Church, Armstrong Co,. Pa., and followed farming all his life, dying March 12, 1900. His first wife, who died in 1881, was the mother of thirteen children: Mary Jane, wife of Jacob Klingensmith; Sarah A., deceased, who was the wife of William Miller; Henry, deceased; Zachariah T.; John J., deceased; Margaret, wife of J. S. Artman; one who died in infancy; William T.; Andrew E., deceased; Rosa E., wife of J. W. Wingard; Elizabeth M., wife of T. A. King; Manuel E., and Harvey H. The second wife of Mr. Heilman was Mattie Schreckengost, and three children were born of this marriage, Alvira, Ralph and Paul.

Harvey Howard Heilman was educated in the public schools of Armstrong county, and until he was twenty years old worked on his father's farm. At this time he secured employment with the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, of Ford City, continuing this connection for six years. In the year 1900 he and his brother-in-law, J. S. Artman, established their present shoe store in Ford City, under the firm name of Artman & Heilman, in the two-story brick building, 22 by 75 feet in dimensions, which they now occupy. Here they carry a full line of desirable shoes and other footwear. Theirs was the first high-class shoe store to be opened in Ford City, and in appointments and stock it com-

pares favorably with any store of its kind even in the large cities.

Mr. Heilman was married in 1900 to Sadie Montgomery, daughter of ex-County Commissioner Thomas Montgomery. Mrs. Heilman died in 1901. In the year 1903 Mr. Heilman was married (second) to Ida Bailey, daughter of William C. Bailey, at one time county commissioner, and who has also served as county treasurer and sheriff. Two children have been born to this marriage, Catherine J. and William B. Mr. Heilman is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

ECKMAN. The Eckmans are justly numbered among those substantial residents of Armstrong county thoroughly representative of the best class. This family was founded in Pennsylvania early in the history of the colony, and its various members assisted in the development of the mighty Commonwealth. The earlier way of spelling the name was "Eakman," but for several generations the present spelling has been used.

John Eckman, grandfather of D. L. and A. A. Eckman, was a farmer of Burrell township, this county, for many years. Later he removed to near Rural Valley, where he died when only forty-five years old. He married Mary Wagner, who passed away aged thirty-five years. Their children were: Anthony, who is living in Burrell township; Joseph, living in the same township; Catherine, deceased, who married Isaac Shall; Jane, who married Hiram Shall; Mary Ann, who died young; Samuel, deceased; and John.

John Eckman, son of John Eckman, and father of David L. and A. A. Eckman, was born near Rural Valley May 28, 1845. He worked on farms by the day and until his marriage, after which he located in Indiana county, where he worked by the day in North Mahoning township. In 1867 he married Angelina Carley, daughter of David and Nancy (Travis) Carley. Their children were: Jane, who died young; David L.; Albert A.; John, who is deceased; Nannie, deceased, who was the wife of Byram Bush; Mary, who married Samuel Lunger, living at North Point; and Ford, who died young.

Albert A. Eckman, member of the firm of Eckman Bros., contractors and builders of Dayton, Pa., was born in Indiana county, Dec. 21, 1875. Growing up in his native county, he attended public school, and when still a boy went into the lumber districts, where he was employed for some time. Following this he was engaged at the coal mines thus continuing until 1891, when he and his brother David L. Eckman formed a partnership under the name of Eckman Bros., at Dayton, where they carry on a general contracting business. They have put up all of the best residences of the borough, built since the formation of their firm, and in 1905 completed the fine school building that is a credit to the town and their work. They also deal in rough and dressed lumber, sash, shingles, doors, lath, slate and plaster. The office and yards of Eckman Bros. are conveniently located opposite the railroad station. Their lumber business was established in 1907, the demand for the class of material they handle having grown sufficiently large to justify them in branching out, and the volume of their business testifies to their good judgment in so doing. A. A. Eckman attends to the inside business of the firm, the senior member being the outside man.

Albert A. Eckman was united in marriage with Margaret M. Champion, and they have children as follows: Alverta, Mary, Elva, Lillie, Violet and Frances. While Mr. Eckman is a Republican, he has never taken any part in public life, his attention being centered upon his business.

David L. Eckman, of the firm of Eckman Bros., Dayton, Pa., was born in Indiana county, Pa., Sept. 6, 1870. He attended public school in his native county, and worked on the farm, learning there habits of thrift and industry. Like his brother he worked in the lumber districts, remaining there for five years. He then learned the carpenter's trade in Indiana county, and has since been putting into practical use his knowledge of this line of work. The personal supervision which Mr. Eckman has over all the contracts of his firm insures conscientious carrying out of agreement, and excellent quality of work and material. Both he and his brother are estimable young men, thoroughly interested in their business and the welfare of their community.

David L. Eckman married Nana N. Wadding, daughter of John H. Wadding. Mr. and Mrs. Eckman have had the following children: Zelda P.; Virginia R., who died in infancy; Edna Margaret; Walter L.; Trela Irene, and Orphy V. Mr. Eckman is a Republican. Fraternally he is a Maccabee, but like his brother he has few interests outside his business and family life.

John H. Wadding, father of Mrs. D. L. Eckman, is a son of John Wadding, who was a resident of Armstrong county for many years, but died in Indiana county, at the extreme old age of ninety-eight years. John

H. Wadding was born in 1840, and grew up a farmer. He served his country during the Civil war, as a volunteer in Company A, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was in service for three years and two months. He participated in several of the important battles of the war, and was a brave and valiant soldier. Residing at Dayton at present, he is numbered among the substantial men of his locality, and is an enthusiastic member of J. Ed. Turk Post, No. 321, G. A. R., of which he is a past commander.

Mr. Wadding married Jennie R. Long, a daughter of Tobias Long, and they had the following family: Curtis A., Minnie C., Joseph F., Erastus P., Anna P., Emma B., Nana N., Myrtle J. (who died when young), and Charles B.

Both the Eckman and Wadding families are well known in Armstrong and Indiana counties. It is interesting to go back in the records of these families which extend so far back into the past, and see in the rising generations the same excellent traits of character which have marked the early generations and given them a definite place in the several communities to which business interests or personal considerations have taken them.

SAMUEL W. HARRISON, a farmer and oil producer of Perry township, was born in Oil City, Pa., Feb. 9, 1866, son of William H. and Susan M. (Coe) Harrison.

William Harrison was born in Maryland in 1815, and came to Armstrong county at an early day. He was a brickmaker by trade, becoming a pioneer in the manufacture of brick in this locality, doing business at Brady's Bend, Parker City and Bear Creek, this county, and at Bruin, Butler county. In later life he followed farming in Perry township, where he died in 1898, in his eighty-fourth year. His wife, Ann (Erwin), was a daughter of John and Esther (Fletcher) Erwin. William Harrison and wife had children as follows: William H., James M., John C. and Henry H.

William H. Harrison, son of William Harrison, was born in 1844, and learned the brickmaker's trade from his father. In time he embarked in business for himself as a brick manufacturer in Oil City, Pa., in the early sixties. In a short time, however, his interest was awakened in the oil business, and he became a driller and producer in Venango county, Pa., thus continuing until 1878. In that year he located at St. Petersburg, Clarion county, Pa., where he continued in the same line of business until 1891. He then purchased the J. C. Gibson farm of 109 acres in Perry township, this county. He moved to Parker City, but after several years' residence there went to his farm, where he passed away Oct. 26, 1906, aged sixty-two years. His wife died Nov. 22, 1911.

John Erwin, father of the paternal grandmother of Samuel W. Harrison, was a pioneer of Butler county, Pa., where his wife was born. He first settled near Petrolia, that county, where he cleared and improved a farm, on which he resided for many years. In later life he sold this property, and bought a smaller one in Perry township, Armstrong county, where he died.

The maternal ancestor of Mr. Harrison in this country was Peter Coe, his great-great-grandfather, who was born in Scotland, Feb. 20, 1753. He came to the United States, and was one of the pioneers of Washington county, Pa. His wife was Mary Allen.

Benjamin Coe, great-grandfather of Mr. Harrison, and son of Peter Coe, was born in Washington county, Pa., June 8, 1783, and was a pioneer in Perry township, Clarion county, Pa., where he engaged in farming. He served as justice of the peace for several years, and was a man of considerable prominence. In later life he moved to Butler county, where he died. His wife was Susan McKibben, and they had eight children, among them being two sons, Thomas and Peter.

Peter Coe, grandfather of Mr. Harrison, was born in Armstrong county, Pa., Dec. 4, 1811. After attaining his majority he engaged in business as a mining and building contractor in Butler county, Pa., thus continuing until 1860, when he embarked in the oil business, in which he remained for many years, dying in 1890, when in his eightieth year. His wife, Christine Levier, was a daughter of Daniel and Rosanna (Say) Levier, pioneers of Butler county, Pennsylvania.

Samuel W. Harrison was reared to manhood in Venango and Clarion counties this State. His education was secured in the common schools. From 1888 to 1906 he was in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, in various capacities, in their pipe line department, holding responsible positions and proving his worth in every way. He was with the United Pipe Line until 1902, and from then to 1906 with the National Transportation Line. Since the latter year he has been residing on the old homestead, looking after his farming interests and oil properties. He has twelve producing wells on his own property and one adjoining.

Mr. Harrison is a member of Fox Lodge, No. 825, I. O. O. F., of Foxburg; Central Encampment, No. 206, Foxburg; K. of M., Parker's Landing, and is very much interested in fraternal matters. Politically he is a Republican, but has not had the time or inclination to enter public life. His various experiences in the business world have been a liberal education. His comprehensive knowledge regarding the oil business and its problems fit him for conducting his present enterprises.

HON. THOMAS HAYS, of Butler, Pa., recent representative in the Pennsylvania Legislature of the Forty-first Senatorial district, comprising Butler and Armstrong counties, is one of the foremost citizens in public life and business in his section of the State. Though he has been a resident of Butler county since shortly after the close of the Civil war, he is a native of Armstrong county, where the Hays family settled nearly a century ago. The name Hays in that and its various other forms, de la Haye, Hay, Hayes, is found all over the United Kingdom, and meant originally dweller at the hedge or hedged inclosure. The branch of the family here under consideration came to this country from Ireland, and had a coat of arms and crest, a representation of which the founder brought with him.

Hayes of County Donegal, Baronet of Drumore Castle. Arms: Argent, a chevron, between three griffins' heads, erased, sable. Crest: A griffin's head, erased between two dragon's wings, sable. Motto: *Dieu me conduise.*

The family of Hay (or Hays as they generally spelled their name after making their new home in the North of Ireland) have prominent place in the history of Scotland. It is said that about the year 980, in the reign of Kenneth III., the Danes having invaded Scotland, they were encountered by the king near Lancarty, in Perthshire. The Scots at first gave way and filed through a narrow pass, where they were stopped by a countryman of great strength and courage and his two sons, with no other weapons than the yokes of their plows. Upbraiding the fugitives for their cowardice, he succeeded in rallying them, and the battle being resumed the Danes were defeated. After the victory was obtained, the old peasant, while lying on the ground, wounded and fatigued, cried, "Hay, Hay," which word became the surname of his posterity, and the king, as a reward for his signal service, gave him as much land in the carse of Gowrie as a falcon should fly over before it settled; and a falcon being accordingly let off flew over an extent of ground six miles in length, after called Errol, and lighted on a stone, still called "falcon stone."—This is taken from the "Origin and Signification of Scottish Surnames" by Clifford Stanley Sims.

The first of the family to settle in America was George Hays, who came from County Donegal, Ireland, town of Raymelton, where he was born. By occupation he was a farmer. He was accompanied by his wife Elizabeth (Bettie), also of Raymelton, County Donegal, where they were married; her maiden name was also Hays, but they were not related. About 1821-22, with their family (then consisting of six children—David, the youngest, was born in Washington township, Armstrong county, Pa.), they started for America, embarking on a sailing vessel at Londonderry, Ireland, and they landed at St. John, N. B., after a six weeks' sail. After remaining there a couple of months, during which time Mr. Hays worked in a tobacco factory, they proceeded to Quebec, Canada, and there reshipped to Norfolk, Va., thence continuing their journey to Baltimore, Md., where David Hays, his wife's brother, had a wholesale grocery business. A short time afterward they came overland by way of the Baltimore and Pittsburgh pike, through Gettysburg, Chambersburg, Greensburg, and from there by way of Freeport to Kittanning. The old Miller farm was the first place Mr. Hays looked at, but he refused to buy it because the timber was too small. He continued north on the Kittanning and Wattersonville road to the home of his sister's husband, John Foster, where the family stopped a few days. One and a half miles from there George Hays found land to suit him, 125 acres, heavily timbered with chestnut, oak, etc., about one mile northwest of Sherrett, in Washington (formerly Sugar Creek) township. He soon built his log cabin, began to clear out a farm, and made a permanent home, living there with his family until his death, which occurred in 1828, when he was aged about fifty years. His wife survived him, dying in 1841, and they are buried in the Union Presbyterian cemetery at Cowansville, in East Franklin township, Armstrong county. We have the following record of their family: (1) Hannah, the eldest daughter, married David Johnston, a painter by trade, of Pittsburgh, and they passed the rest of their lives in Allegheny—now the North Side of Pittsburgh. They left three daughters, all married and well-to-do. David Johnston bought land in Sugar Creek township from



Mrs. Deborah J. Hays



Robert Hays

Philip Templeton Aug. 25, 1812, and sold same to Patrick Graham. Johnston obtained, on Feb. 4, 1815, a patent for 153 acres, sixty perches of the large tract surveyed to one John Johnston March 6, 1805, and in December of the same year sold it to Rev. John Dickey and John P. Quigley, receiving altogether $435. (2) Samuel, the eldest son of George Hays, went South to New Orleans and died there soon after. He married a Miss McDonald, but left no children. (3) Fanny married Alexander Foster, of Washington township, a son of John Foster, a distant relative of her mother, and they settled in that township, where Mr. Foster engaged in farming. They brought up a family of children, their eldest son, John, who served during the Civil war in the 103d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, dying in Andersonville prison in 1864. Mrs. Fanny (Hays) Foster, who died at a good old age, left her eldest daughter, Mary Foster, who is now (1913) living in the East End, Pittsburgh, at the age of seventy-six years; her second daughter, Mrs. Nancy (Foster) Cloak, is living in Butler county, Pa.; her son George Hays Foster, who served three years as a soldier in the 139th Pa. Vols., is now living in West Kittanning, and has served a term of three years as treasurer of Armstrong county; her son Alexander Foster (who was a private in the 139th Pennsylvania Volunteers during the Civil war) lived on the old farm of his father until a few years ago, and is now a resident of West Kittanning; her daughter Betty and her son Robert died when they were children. (4) Robert is mentioned below. (5) Margaret married William Boden, of Pittsburgh. (6) Bridget became the wife of John Foster, who died in 1854. She then married James McClatchey, and had one son, Robert McClatchey, who is living now on his father's farm, in Washington township. (7) David, the youngest, was married to Elizabeth Plat about the year 1850. He died in the year 1864 at Annapolis, Md., after being in Andersonville, a prisoner of war, for eleven months. His widow is still living at Corry, Pa., with her granddaughter, in good health.

Robert Hays, fourth in the family of George and Elizabeth Hays, was born Aug. 16, 1812, in Ireland, and came to this country with his parents, with whom he lived on the farm in Washington township, eventually buying the old place. He followed farming all his life. On Feb. 9, 1836, he was married by Rev. J. Reddic to his neighbor, Deborah Jane McKee, who was born July 27, 1815, in Armstrong county, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Blaine) McKee, of Sugar Creek township, and he purchased a farm from his brother David near by, and moved onto it. There he resided for many years, and there he reared his family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, viz.: Eliza Ann, born Dec. 3, 1838, lived all her life after her marriage to William Storey (which occurred Feb. 14, 1867) in and near Fairview, Butler Co., Pa., and is now deceased; Thomas, of Butler county, Pa., is mentioned below; John Milton, born July 22, 1841, of near Parker City, married Lizzie Campbell Sept. 24, 1868; Margaret, born April 2, 1844, became Mrs. R. O. Shira, of North Washington, Butler Co., Pa., and is now deceased; James Harvey, born Nov. 2, 1845, of North Washington, now deceased, married Flora Harold Dec. 8, 1870; W. G., of Los Angeles, Cal., married Jennie Hart Dec. 25, 1872; Robert, who married Catharine Helm (now deceased), is a resident of North Washington; S. W., of Butler, Pa., married Mattie Leard Dec. 30, 1875; David R. lives at McFarland, W. Va., and is married to Catherine Spies.

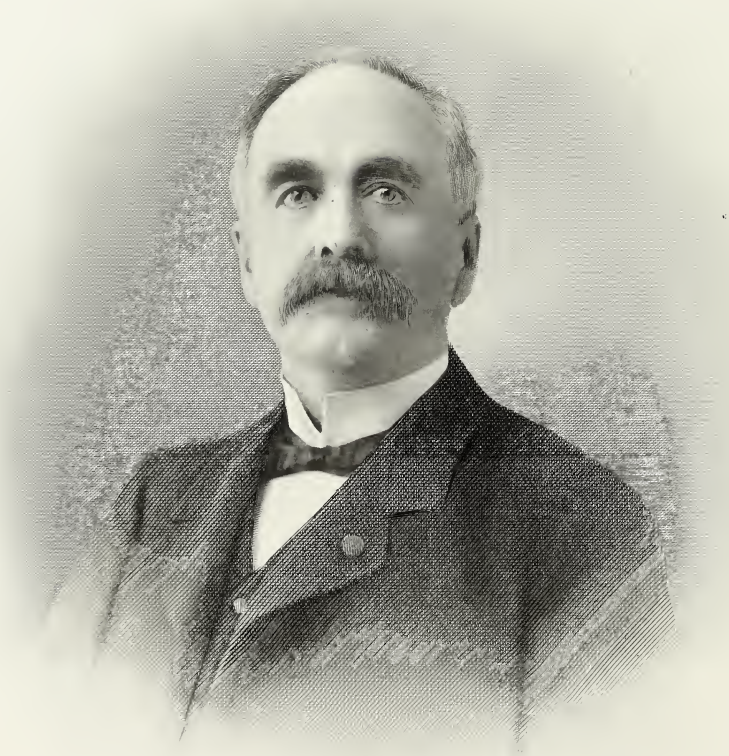
The father of this family, Robert Hays, born Aug. 16, 1812, died in 1877; the mother's death occurred March 10, 1883. They were Presbyterians in religious connection. In politics he was first a Whig, later becoming a Republican, and he took an active part in the administration of public affairs in his neighborhood, serving fifteen years as school director, and holding other local offices.

Thomas Hays, eldest son of Robert Hays, was born Jan. 19, 1840, in a log house on his father's farm, in what is now Washington township. Passing his early life on that place, he assisted with the farm work in summer, and carried on his studies during the winter, attending public and select schools in the county until he reached the age of eighteen. In 1861 he was elected by the school directors of his own township to teach the Wattersonville school, but it was not long before he got the war fever, and felt that he must enter the service of his country. Resigning his position, he enlisted, Sept. 16, 1861, in Company B, 103d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for fourteen months. Two days after his enlistment he reported at Camp Orr, Kittanning, with his brother John M. and twenty-five or thirty of his schoolmates and neighbors, all in the same company, carrying their own blankets and traps. Leaving Camp Orr Feb. 28, 1862, with

the regiment, they arrived that evening at Harrisburg, and pitched their tents on about a foot of snow and ice, where Mr. Hays slept on his blankets in the Sibley tent overnight. The next morning the "boys" kindled their first hard coal fire—hard coal being new to them. They received their uniforms and guns, etc., and their flag was presented to them in front of the old capitol by "War Governor" Andrew G. Curtin. The story of the Company B flag is given in a later paragraph. In one week they were sent to Washington City, where they camped the first night on what is now the site of the Congressional Library, and the next morning the imprints of their bodies were left in the mud. Thence they changed to Meridian Hill, Washington, D. C., and a few days later marched to Alexandria, Va., thence to Fortress Monroe, on Old Point Comfort. Mr. Hays was in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac and the Peninsular campaign, going with McClellan through Yorktown to Williamsburg, where they met the Rebels in the first battle, May 6, 1862. The enemy evacuated that night. Next they fought in the engagements of Fair Oaks and Seven Pines, and then in the Seven Days' battle, winding up with the battle of Malvern Hill. This ended the battles of the Peninsular campaign. On Nov. 13, 1862, he and his brother John M. Hays were transferred to Battery L, of the 4th United States Light Artillery (with which they engaged in the siege of Suffolk, Va.), and served in the Army of the James under General Butler, took part in the battle of Drury's Bluff, and in June, 1864, were transferred with the battery to join Grant's army at Cold Harbor, engaging in battle there. In this engagement Mr. Hays's battery lost thirteen horses and fifteen men in about thirty minutes. General Grant, in describing the battle, states that for the time the battle lasted it was the bloodiest in the war. Mr. Hays and his brother escaped, as did the four neighbor boys, subsequently serving in front of Richmond and Petersburg, Va., and he was mustered out in front of Petersburg Nov. 13, 1864, at the expiration of their term of service.

Coming home at the close of his service, Mr. Hays was soon managing the farm of his uncle, David Hays, in Maryland, near Baltimore, being thus employed for two years, during which time he came back to Armstrong county and married. Then he removed to near Fairview in Butler county, Pa., in 1867, purchasing a farm which he still owns and operates, and where he engaged in general agricultural pursuits and later in the horse and cattle business, raising and breeding. In time he became interested in the production of oil and gas from the property, as well as on some of the adjoining farms. He owns and operates many wells in Butler and Armstrong counties, some of which have been producing oil for forty years. During the period of twenty-eight years that he resided on the "Haysville farm" at Fairview Mr. Hays became, through his enterprise and versatile ability, one of the prosperous and reliable business men of the district, and since his removal to the town of Butler, in 1895, he has augmented that reputation steadily. He has become closely associated with real estate, manufacturing and banking interests in Butler, being a stockholder in many of the manufacturing plants there, a director of the Farmers' National Bank, and a stockholder in the Merchants' National Bank. His competent management of his private affairs attracted the attention and confidence of his fellow citizens to such an extent that they called upon him for public service, and he has not disappointed his supporters in the quality of his work or his stand on questions affecting the welfare of his constituents. He was elected to the lower house of the State Legislature for the terms commencing in 1903 and 1905, and for the extra sessions of 1906, and was elected to the State Senate to represent Armstrong and Butler counties, in the Forty-first Senatorial district, for the terms commencing in 1909 and 1911, completing eight years of acceptable service in the State Legislature, four in each branch. His influence and support were always found on the side of the common people, and opposed to special class privileges or anything that contained the elements of graft and perquisites not enjoyed by all. In political connection Mr. Hays has always been a Republican. He and his wife are leading members of the Presbyterian Church at Butler, in which he is a ruling elder, and socially he holds membership in the Masonic fraternity (Argyle Lodge, at Chicora) and Grand Army of the Republic, being one of the most prominent members of Post No. 107, in which he has filled various offices, including that of commander.

Mr. Hays had the honor of being chosen to make the presentation speech when, on Jan. 30, 1912, the flag of his old command in the 103d Pennsylvania Regiment was given to Memorial Hall at Pittsburgh. His wife, Mrs. Keziah J. (Foster) Hays, who had helped to make the flag more than fifty years before,



Thomas Hays



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was also present, as were many of the men who fought under it. As noted above, Mr. Hays was in the same command as a number of his schoolmates. When the Civil war began Keziah J. Foster and a number of other schoolgirls made for Company B the first American flag of the 103d Pennsylvania Regiment, which was then recruiting in Camp Orr, Kittanning, Pa., and presented it to the company with the charge to shoot on the spot any one who attempted to pull it down. This flag was always held in high esteem by all the boys, and was carried through all their battles in the war. At the battle of Plymouth, N. C., the regiment was surrounded by a larger force of the enemy, and after many days of fighting, with the loss of many killed and wounded, it became necessary for the regiment to surrender or all die. When the surrender took place the boys took good care that this flag did not fall into the hands of the enemy. It was concealed around the waist of the custodian, Conrod Petzinger, and carried by him eleven months while in the Andersonville prison, and when the regiment returned from prison at the close of the war and was discharged from the army, the flag was still treasured carefully. Now, inclosed in a neat frame, it may be seen at Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh, where it occupies an honorable place.

On Dec. 21, 1865, Mr. Hays was married to Keziah J. Foster, of Cowansville; she was born in Sugar Creek township, on the old Foster homestead farm, and attended the same school as her husband. They have had a family of six children: (1) Jennie L. Hays, born Jan. 16, 1867, was married Oct. 22, 1890, to Dr. V. F. Thomas, of Evans City, Butler Co., Pa., and they have had five children, Lister Hays (born Nov. 25, 1891), Ethel (born Aug. 9, 1896), Allen (born April 13, 1899), Genevieve (born March 31, 1903) and Frank (born Sept. 27, 1905). (2) Christopher F. Hays, born Dec. 13, 1868, is engaged in farming and the oil business. On April 20, 1899, he married Lilley Logan, and they have one child, George Thomas Hays, born May 22, 1901. (3) Robert N. Hays, born Nov. 13, 1870, farmer and oil producer, resides on the old "Haysville" farm. He married Iva Brackney Feb. 10, 1897, and they have one daughter, Audrey Ivetta Hays, born July 26, 1898. (4) Maud B. Hays, born Oct. 16, 1872, married Dr. John V. Cowden June 27, 1906. (5) Thomas Henderson Hays, born Dec. 19, 1874, died Aug. 24, 1901, unmarried. (6) Charles Frederick Wells Hays, born Nov. 12, 1876, died Nov. 24, 1902, unmarried.

In maternal lines Mr. Hays is connected with other families whose names have been prominent in the history of Pennsylvania, the Blaines, McKees, Fosters, Galbraiths and Chambers all having borne their part in the activities of the early days in the Commonwealth. His grandmother, Margaret (Blaine) McKee, was a daughter of James and Deborah (Baird) Blaine, and a cousin of Hon. James G. Blaine.

Col. Ephraim Blaine, who was the great-grandfather of James G. Blaine, was born in Ireland in 1744, and was but one year old when, in 1745, his parents brought him to America, the family settling in Cumberland county, Pa., at or near Carlisle. He had two brothers and one sister, Alexander (who had two children, Mary and Elizabeth), William (who had three children, Isabella, Alexander T. and Ephraim) and Ellen (married Col. Samuel Lyon). The name of Ephraim Blaine appears in the list of men residing at Fort Pitt July 22, 1760. He became one of the prominent citizens of his region, serving his county and country with honor and fidelity. In 1771 he was sheriff of Cumberland county. In the earlier years of the Revolution he was a resident of Carlisle.

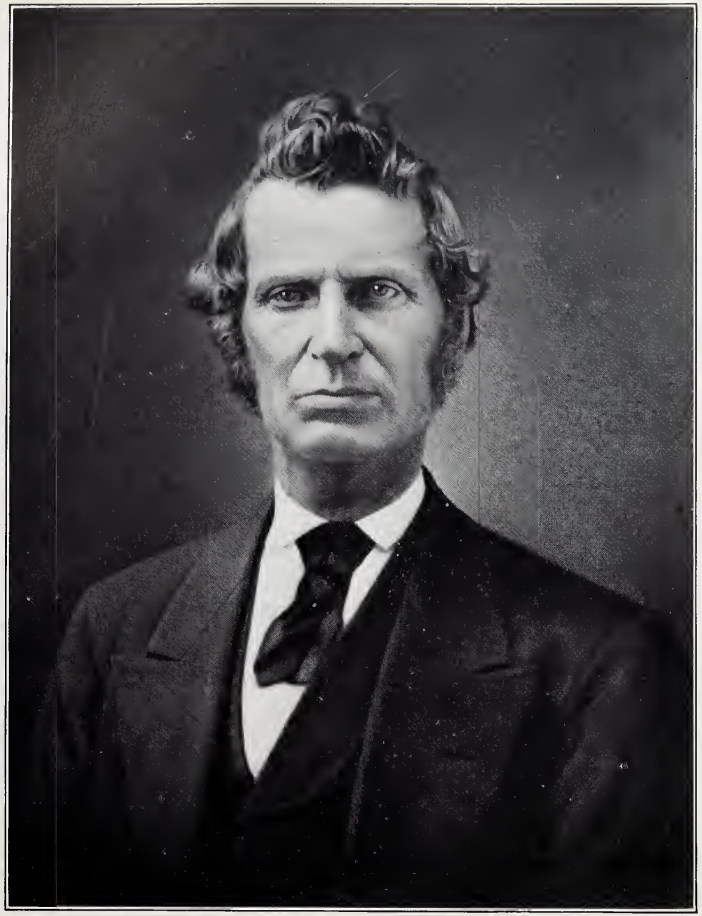
The following extract is from the new American Encyclopedia: "At the time the Revolutionary war was inaugurated Col. Ephraim Blaine was living at his princely estate at Middlesex, in Cumberland county. He at once offered his personal services and means to the patriotic cause, and he was forthwith commissioned by the Continental Congress as colonel and attached to the Pennsylvania Line of troops, and did not 'ground arms' until the contest was over and the victory won. His services were gallant and patriotic. He was with General Washington in many of the most trying scenes of the Revolution and enjoyed the confidence of his chief. During the dark winter at Valley Forge the preservation of the army from starvation was in a great degree owing to the exertions and sacrifices of Colonel Blaine. Gen. George Washington and Col. Ephraim Blaine were warm personal friends and kept up a correspondence for fifteen years. Many letters to Colonel Blaine from General and President Washington are in the possession of Colonel Blaine's descendants."

In the spring of 1777 the appointment of sub-lieutenant of Cumberland county was

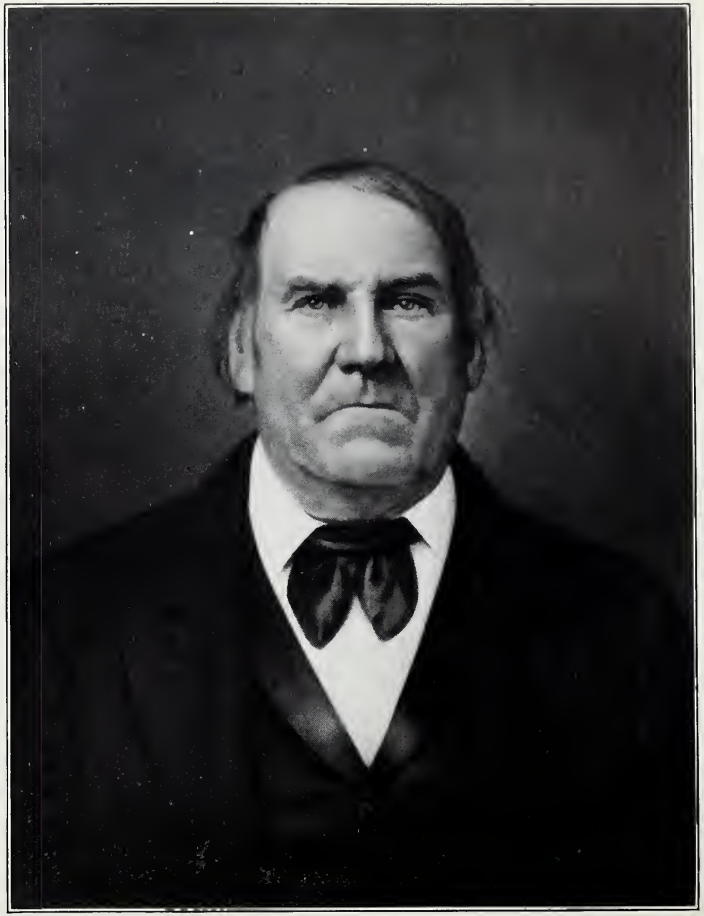
tendered Colonel Blaine, which he declined as follows in his letter to President Wharton: "The difference of sentiment which prevails in Cumberland county about the constitution and the ill-judged appointment of part of the sub-lieutenants are my principal reasons for not accepting for the present the position your honor and the council are pleased to offer me of the lieutenancy. I shall, however, study to render the public every service in my power." He was later (1778) appointed deputy commissary general for the middle department, with the rank of colonel, and served as quartermaster, as shown by a letter of Nov. 3, 1780, to him, from Colonel Brodhead. During the "dark winter" at Valley Forge the preservation of the army from starvation was in a great degree owing to the exertions and sacrifices of Colonel Blaine. In February or March, 1780, he was appointed commissary general, which position he probably filled until the close of the war, and he had the distinction of being the personal friend and confidant of Washington, who visited him during the Whiskey Insurrection. They kept up a correspondence for fifteen years, and many letters to the colonel from President Washington are in the possession of Ephraim Blaine's descendants. He was an original member of the Pennsylvania Society of the Cincinnati. Colonel Blaine once owned two lots in Pittsburgh just below where the Point bridge terminates on the South Side, which he sold to Isaac Craig and which formed part of the site of the first glass works erected in the city. [The name of one Ephraim Blaine is found on a list attached to a petition addressed to the managers of the United States Bank at Philadelphia "from citizens of Pittsburgh for a branch at that place, 1817." It was successful.] Two tracts of land containing 400 and 474 acres, respectively, were surveyed to Ephraim Blaine in Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., Glade run traversing the territory of which the northern (the larger) tract consisted, in a westerly and northwesterly course. The Timothy Pickering & Co. tract, covered by warrant dated May 17, 1785, was a part of Gen. James Potter's estate, which became vested in his son, James Potter, who covenanted May 9, 1795, to convey it as containing 1,000 acres to Ephraim Blaine. His heirs, believing that he made a deed therefor that was lost, for the purpose of confirming and ratifying their father's agreement, executed March 20, 1837, a deed to John Hays and Rev. Adam Gilchrist, whose wives were daughters of Robert Blaine and granddaughters of Ephraim Blaine, who were desirous of obtaining a patent and perfect title. The tract was found to contain 1,099 acres. Ephraim Blaine had paid for 1,000 acres, but these heirs considered that the excess of ninety-nine acres would be a fair equivalent for obtaining the patent, and completing the title. They therefore conveyed to Hays and Gilchrist the entire tract, which subsequently became vested in John Hays, of Carlisle, Pa., partly in his own right and partly in that of his children, Mary W. Hays, afterward the wife of Captain West, U. S. A., Robert B. Hays and John Hays, Jr. John Hays, Sr., conveyed his right in that trust to David Ralston March 23, 1839, for $7,375, and by virtue of an act of Assembly, approved July 5, 1839, he conveyed as guardian the interests of his wards therein, Oct. 5, then next, to David Ralston, for $1,000. John Hays, Sr., was the son of John and Mary Hays, the latter the famous "Molly Pitcher" of the Revolution.

Ephraim Blaine died at Carlisle in 1804 (in 1808 according to the new American Encyclopedia). He and his first wife Rebecca (Galbraith) are buried at the Meetinghouse Springs Church (of which they were members), on Yellow Breeches creek, about one and a half miles from Carlisle, Pa. The site of Colonel Blaine's old home is near by, and he had a distillery on the creek. His second wife was Mrs. Duncan, widow of Judge Duncan. He had two children, both born to his first marriage, James and Robert, the former marrying Margaret Lyon (their son Ephraim was the father of James G. Blaine).

Robert Blaine, son of Ephraim and Rebecca (Galbraith), lived in Washington county, Pa. He married Anna Susan Metzgar, and had the following children: (1) Rebecca married Rev. J. Chamberlain, D. D., a distinguished Presbyterian minister who served as president of Center College, in Kentucky, and of Oakland University, in Mississippi. They had children: Susan, Mary, Martha, Clarissa and John. (2) Anna S. married Hon. Samuel Alexander, of Carlisle, for many years a leading lawyer and able jurist of Cumberland county, and their children were Robert and Jane Byers. (3) Ephraim. (4) Ellen married Levi Wheaton and (second) John Hays (she being his second wife; he was a son of John and Mary Hays, the latter the famous "Molly Pitcher" of the Revolution), and had five children, two by her first marriage, Ellen Blaine and Mary Blaine, and three by the second, Robert, John (married Jennie Smead) and Mary Blaine (married



Christopher A. Foster



Thomas McKee

Richard Mulligan and had a daughter Sophia). (5) Mary married Rev. Adam Gilchrist and had children, Susan, Maria and Fanny. (6) James married Deborah Baird. (This record of Robert Blaine and his family is taken from a "Family Memorial" published in 1867, containing "fragments of family and contemporary history," and some records of the Robinson, McCord and Blaine families.)

James and Deborah (Baird) Blaine had the following children: Joseph, William, John, James, and daughters Nancy Blaine Hannah, Mary Blaine Anderson, Margaret Blaine McKee. We have the following record of the four sons: (1) Joseph Blaine's sons are Dr. Cyrus Blaine, of near Butler, Pa., and James, John, Ephraim and Samuel, all of Butler county. (2) William Blaine lived in Armstrong county, Pa., and died at the age of ninety years in Illinois; his sons are James, Edward and John Blaine. (3) John Blaine, formerly of Armstrong county, lives in Illinois. His children are sons William and Harvey, daughters Eliza, Ellenor, Jane, Deborah, Nancy, Margaret, Bell and Hattie. (4) James Blaine lived in Armstrong county, Pa., and died at about the age of eighty-eight. His children were Morrison Blaine, the eldest son, who has been dead for some years, his children now living in Missouri; Dr. J. M. Blaine, of Denver, Colo.; Harvey Blaine, now living on the old home farm in Armstrong county; Hattie Blaine Fleming, living at Slate Lick, Pa.; Mrs. Bricker and Mrs. Adams, living in Pennsylvania.

James and Deborah (Baird) Blaine both died in Sugar Creek township, Armstrong county, and are buried in the Union cemetery at Cowansville.

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The will of James Blaine, of what was then Sugar Creek township, recorded in Armstrong county Will Book I, pages 17-18, devises to wife Deborah and to sons and daughters of William Blaine, John Blaine, James Blaine, Polly Anderson, Peggie (Margaret) McKee and Eleanor.

In August, 1797, James and William "Blain" made an improvement and settlement on a tract in Sugar Creek township which was surveyed to them by George Ross as containing 410 acres, 20 perches, Nov. 17, 1803. The whole of the Blain interest seems to have become vested in James, and in his will (above), dated March 27th and registered Dec. 6, in 1815, he devised his purpart equally to his sons James, John and William. The two last named conveyed their interests to their brother James March 3, 1839, for $150 each.

On Sept. 1, 1848, Elijah Davis conveyed 230 acres, 47 perches to Joseph Blain for $1,100, ten acres of which Blain conveyed to Thomas H. Foster Aug. 11, 1855; on June 28, 1858, he conveyed to Foster 145 acres, 103 perches, for $1,747.50. The rest of the Blain purchase was subsequently owned by Thomas Patton and D. C. Mobley.

Andrew McKee, great-grandfather of Thomas Hays in the maternal line, and his son Thomas McKee, father of Mrs. Deborah Jane Hays, are fully mentioned elsewhere in this work. (See McKee family.)

The Foster family, to which Mrs. Keziah (Foster) Hays, wife of Hon. Thomas Hays, belongs, is descended from Alexander Foster, a native of Ireland, who settled in Sugar Creek township, Armstrong Co., Pa. He married Elizabeth Harrold, whose brother and sisters were: Lucinda, wife of John Clawson, of Indiana county, Pa.; Christopher Harrold, of Wayne county, Ohio; Sally, wife of John Laird, a farmer of Franklin township, Armstrong county; and Mattie, wife of Oliver Laird, a farmer of the same township. Mr. and Mrs. Foster had children: (1) Martha married James McGarvey. (2) Christopher A. is mentioned below. (3) Thomas married Martha Morrison, sister of his brother Christopher's wife. (4) William married Mary Ambrose. (5) Katherine married Matthew Brown, who had been her school teacher and had also taught her brother Christopher and the parents of Thomas Hays, the schoolhouse standing on the farm of Alexander Foster,

grandfather of Mrs. Thomas Hays. (6) Eliza became the wife of Harrison Gibson, a farmer. (7) Sarah married William Morrison, son of John. (8) Phoebe married Harvey McKee. (9) Margaret married William McClatchey. (10) Nancy died when a young girl. All of the family is now deceased. The Fosters were all Presbyterians in religious association.

Alexander Foster early settled in Sugar Creek township on a large tract originally conveyed to Charles Campbell, who on June 14, 1821, conveyed 100 acres, 25 perches to Foster for $10. The latter acquired title to the rest of the tract (comprising 356 acres, 37 perches) except about ninety acres in the northwestern part, which constituted the farm on which he lived at the time of his death, and which by his will, dated April 17, 1828, and registered May 19, 1838, he devised to his sons, Christopher, Thomas and William, which he directed to be divided into three equal parts as to quantity, and allotted the part on which was the house, in which he then lived, to Christopher, the west end to Thomas, and the northeastern part to William. Christopher Foster's name figures in later real estate transactions in Sugar Creek township. We also find record of the John Craig tract, No. 3652, called "Leeds," 245 acres of which Alexander Foster purchased May 24, 1828, for $612.50. Craig's run traverses it in a southerly course nearly through, a little west of, the center.

Christopher A. Foster, son of Alexander, was a near neighbor of Thomas Hays, who subsequently married his daughter Keziah; they were schoolmates. Mr. Foster was a farmer, later a merchant at Cowansville and was prominent in the public affairs of his locality, serving as justice of the peace (fifteen years) and school director. He was a Republican in politics and Presbyterian in religion. He married Isabel Morrison, daughter of William and Margaret (Barnes) Morrison, of Armstrong county. Mr. and Mrs. Foster had children as follows: Keziah J., wife of Thomas Hays; Phoebe, who married Matthew McGarey, of Butler county (both are deceased); Elizabeth, wife of C. W. Jordan, of Cowansville; Sarah B., deceased, wife of William Luton (he resides on the Thomas Hays farm, "Haysville"); Nancy, who died when fifteen years old; and Mary A. and Alice, who died in infancy.

Through Rebecca Galbraith, wife of Col. Ephraim Blaine, Mr. Hays traces his descent from another family of sturdy Scotch-Irish origin which has long been settled in Pennsylvania. The Galbraiths have long been established in America, and in the old country date back to the remote antiquity of Scotland. The name is derived from the Celtic and originally belonged to the Lennox in that country. The Galbraith chiefs had their residence in the parish of Baldernoch. The Galbraiths of the isle of Chiga descended from those of Baldernoch, as may be traced in the ancient records, having fled thither with Lord James Stewart, youngest son of Murdoch, Duke of Albany, from the Lennox, after burning Dumbarton, in the reign of James I. of Scotland. They continued to hold that island until after 1500. The following lines from the Scotch show the estimate in which the name was held:

> Galbraiths from the Red Tower,
> Noblest of Scottish surnames.

There is a small town of Scotland called "Inch (Island) Galbraith." Upon it are many ruins of castles and villages, the strongholds built by the clan when war was the rule.

When Hon. W. A. Galbraith, of Erie, Pa., was traveling in Scotland, hearing that a family by the same name lived close to where he stopped, he went to call on them. He had with him a coat of arms preserved by the family in America, which he showed them, and they immediately produced a precise counterpart, the arms showing three bears' heads, muzzled, on a shield surmounted by a knight's helmet and crest with the motto, which, translated, is, "Stronger from opposition." Thus the origin of the family is established without doubt.

James Galbraith, the first of the line under consideration to settle in America, was born in 1650 in the North of Ireland, son of John Galbraith, and emigrated in 1718 with his family, settling in Donegal, Lancaster county, Pa. He was a man of influence and prominence in his day, and was among the founders of the old Derry Church, in what is now Dauphin county, Pa., near Derry station, and is buried in the old graveyard of that church. He died Aug. 23, 1744. The first regular pastor of this church, Rev. William Bertram, died May 2, 1746, and is buried near the church. Rebecca (Chambers), wife of James Galbraith, was a daughter of Arthur Chambers, who with the Allen, Allison, Armstrong, Boyd, Berryhill, Barnet, Bell, Black, Campbell, Clark, Carother, Crain, Carson, Calhoun, Craig, Cadwell, Cunningham, Cochran, Dixon, Dickey, Daugherty, Elder, Espy, Foster, Ferguson, Gilmore, Goven, Gray, Graham, Galbraith, Henderson, Hayes, Hampton, Jones, Johnson, Kelley,

Laird, McCormick, McClure, McNair, McKeehan, Mitchell, Murray, McKee, McCreight, McDonald, McArthur, McMurray, McKnight, Montgomery, Ramsey, Rogers, Rutherford, Reed, Sloan, Sterett, Snodgrass, Strain, Stewart, Smith, Simpson, Sturgeon, Todd, Wilson, Wallace, McMahan families settled in the district just referred to between 1720 and 1730. Five children were born to James and Rebecca (Chambers) Galbraith, viz.: John, Andrew, James, Jr., Elenor (married Patrick McKinley) and Rebecca (married a Stewart).

John Galbraith, son of James, born 1690, resided where the Mount Joy and Marietta turnpikes cross Donegal run; he owned a large tract of land. He was elected sheriff of Lancaster county in 1731 and was a prominent man in his locality. He died 1754. In 1757 Janet, his widow, and James Galbraith sold the mill which he built to John Baley.

Andrew Galbraith, son of James, born in 1692, lived near his brother John, his home being on Little Chicques creek. When Lancaster county was organized he was appointed the first coroner, and he and his brother John were members of the first jury drawn. In 1730 he was appointed one of the justices of the peace and of the Common Pleas court, which position he filled with honor until 1745. In 1732 he was elected a member of the Assembly in a spirited contest, in which his wife took an active part. Mounting her mare "Nellie" she rode around among the Scotch-Irish, who followed her to Lancaster, to the polls, where she addressed them effectively. He was afterward reelected without opposition, serving several terms in succession.

James Galbraith, Jr., was born in the North of Ireland in 1703 and died June 11, 1785, in East Pennsboro township, Cumberland county; he is buried in the Derry graveyard. He took up a tract of land in what is now Derry township, Dauphin county, on Spring creek, not far from Church Oleon, the warrant therefor being granted him March 13, 1737. The early provincial records of Pennsylvania speak frequently of him, for he was prominent in military circles and served in 1742-43 as sheriff of Lancaster county, where he was also justice of the peace for many years. He took an active part in the French and Indian war, serving as an officer from 1755 to 1763, and during the Revolutionary war, in which all his sons served, he was appointed lieutenant of Cumberland county, being too old for active duty in the field; his long experience as an officer gave him considerable prestige and authority and he was frequently consulted during the Revolution on matters pertaining to the prosecution of that war.

On April 6, 1734, James Galbraith married, in Christ Church, Philadelphia, Elizabeth Bertram, who was born in 1714 in the North of Ireland, only daughter of Rev. William and Elizabeth (Gillispie) Bertram. Mrs. Galbraith died Feb. 2, 1799, in Derry township, Dauphin county, the mother of the following children: William, Bertram, Robert, Dorcas, Elizabeth, Thomas, John and Ann. Robert Galbraith's daughter Rebecca married Col. Ephraim Blaine, and they were the great-grandparents of Hon. James G. Blaine.

Bertram Galbraith, second son of James Galbraith, Jr., was first lieutenant in Lancaster county during the Revolution, doing excellent service for his country in that capacity. He was the progenitor of a branch of the Galbraith family now represented in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

M. J. McQUADE, president of the Ben Franklin Coal Company, of Freeport, was born Nov. 16, 1863, in Scotland, a son of Peter and Catherine (Nickol) McQuade.

Peter McQuade came to America in 1870, bringing his family with him, and settled in Mansfield, Pa., where he followed coal mining until his retirement. This excellent man died in 1893, and his wife in 1903. They had nine children, eight of whom are living. Peter McQuade was a devout Catholic. The Democratic party had his political support.

M. J. McQuade left school when ten years old to work at the coal mines. Later he became a coal miner and continued in that line of work until 1903, when he took charge for the Dunbar Furnace Company as a foreman in the mines, being thus employed for three years. He then came to Freeport in 1907, and engaged as mine foreman for the Kerr Coal Company, holding that position from 1907 to 1911. Mr. McQuade is one of the Ben Franklin Coal Company, of which he became president in 1907, and still retains that important office. This company has extensive coal mines at Moundsville, W. Va., and Braeburn and Metcalf, Pa. He devotes the greater part of his time to attending to the affairs of his company, and as he has spent his life in this line of work has gained valuable experience, profitable to his fellow stockholders. His judgment, being based upon a practical knowledge of the business from the bottom up, is expert, and is relied upon by others in the same line.

Mr. McQuade was married Dec. 25, 1883, to Rachel McMillan, daughter of John and Ellen McMillan, and nine children were born to this union. Mrs. McQuade died in 1898. On April 9, 1901, Mr. McQuade was married (second) to Agnes Jenken. Mr. and Mrs. McQuade have had three children, but only two survive, James D. and Mary. Mr. McQuade is independent in politics. He is a Catholic in religious faith. Always a hard-working man, he has risen through sheer ability, and can take justifiable pride in what he has accomplished during his useful life.

DANIEL GOSSER, of Leechburg, the leading grocer of that borough and a citizen who has been identified with its business life in various other connections, was born Feb. 18, 1832, at Adamsburg, Westmoreland county, Pa., son of William Gosser.

Adam Gosser, his grandfather, a native of Northampton county, Pa., emigrated thence with his family to Westmoreland county, at an early date. Later he removed to Erie, Pa., where he remained for a short time, removing from there to Pittsburgh and eventually returning to Adamsburg, where he had a contract for construction work on the Greensburg and Stoystown turnpike. He also followed farming, and he lived to old age, dying at Adamsburg. Adam Gosser was twice married, and he was the father of the following children: Jacob, a soldier of the War of 1812, who died in Missouri; William; Daniel, who located at Baltimore; Henry, who died in Pittsburgh; Isaac, who went to Nebraska; Adam; Frederick, who died after reaching maturity; Ann Mary; Susanna, and Catherine.

John Gosser, brother of Adam Gosser, was also a resident of Westmoreland county, Pa., and died near Adamsburg. He left a large family.

William Gosser, one of the sons of Adam Gosser, was born Nov. 11, 1803, in Northampton county, Pa., and was a boy when his father settled at Adamsburg. He learned the trade of blacksmith, which he first followed at Adamsburg, in 1840, removing thence to Leechburg, Armstrong county, Pa., where he continued in the same line of work. He retired from active labor about eight years before his death, which occurred in 1888, when he was in his eighty-fifth year. Mr. Gosser became a well-known and much respected citizen of Leechburg, where he served as burgess and councilman, giving great satisfaction to his townsmen. He was a lifelong Democrat, and in religion a member of the Lutheran church.

On Nov. 27, 1827, Mr. Gosser was married to Susanna Kistler, who was born July 4, 1808, and died Nov. 29, 1838, at Adamsburg. She was a member of the Lutheran church. Five children were born to this union: Louisa, June 28, 1830; Daniel, Feb. 18, 1832; Albert M., Jan. 14, 1834 (now engaged as a merchant at Leechburg); Adam, May 18, 1836; William, Oct. 10, 1838 (died Dec. 8, 1838). By his second marriage, to Lucy Punt, Mr. Gosser had the following children: Jacob, born Nov. 22, 1842; Commodore Perry, Feb. 2, 1845; David, Sept. 4, 1847; Darius, Dec. 29, 1849 (died Dec. 12, 1852); Franklin P., July 7, 1852 (died Oct. 9, 1860); Anna M., April 18, 1855; Sarah E., April 5, 1858; Harry, May 1, 1861; Amanda Nov. 16, 1864.

Daniel Gosser son of William Gosser, attended public school at Adamsburg and Leechburg. He remained with his father in the blacksmith shop until of age, and then for four years followed boating upon the Pennsylvania canal. He then removed to the Allegheny river, and for eleven years was engaged in the manufacture of salt, after which he settled upon a farm in Armstrong county, in what is now Gilpin township, having a tract of 150 acres where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for about twenty-three years. Meantime Mr. Gosser became interested in oil wells, in 1862, in company with others, starting the first oil well at Parkers Landing, in Armstrong county, which was known as the Hovey well. Later they sank shafts at different places for oil, and Mr. Gosser was also interested in two natural gas wells at Leechburg.

Removing from his farm to the borough of Leechburg, he built a store there in 1892 and engaged in the grocery and feed business, one of his sons, Frank, entering the business at the same time. In 1902 his son John was admitted to the firm, which is known as D. Gosser & Sons. In 1909 Mr. Gosser was made a director of the First National Bank of Leechburg and continues to serve as such. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

On Feb. 15, 1855, Mr. Gosser married Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Hiram and Margaret (Sheaffer) Hill, the ceremony being performed by Rev. G. F. Ehrenfeld. Mrs. Gosser died Sept. 18, 1911, the mother of the following children: Hiram H., who is now living in Pittsburgh; Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of George Riggle; Margaret. who married George Ehrenfield. William, who was killed by lightning when young; Jefferson, now

of Pittsburgh; Frank, a member of the firm of D. Gosser & Sons; Cora, who lives at home; Robert E., of Leechburg; and John, a member of the firm of D. Gosser & Sons.

JACOB TRUBY SYBERT, who is the oldest native-born citizen residing in Perry township, Armstrong county, Pa., was born Jan. 16, 1833, a son of Sebastian and Mary Ann (Truby) Sybert.

Sebastian Sybert was born in eastern Pennsylvania, a son of Henry Sybert, and came to Perry township among the earliest settlers, about 1820. A carpenter by trade, he followed that calling together with boating on the Allegheny river for many years, also clearing up his farm of 100 acres, doing all the improving for himself, for he was a very industrious man. He died at the age of sixty-six years. He married Mary Ann Truby, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Lauffer) Truby, also early settlers in Perry township, and they had the following children: Polly, who married Martin George; Elizabeth; Jacob T.; Susanna, who was the wife of Washington Daubenspeck; Margaret, who married William Fink and Arthur Robinson; Samuel W.; and Emma, who married William A. Kellar.

Jacob Truby Sybert was reared on the homestead and always led a busy life, being concerned in many activities. When twenty-one years old he began boating on the river, which at that time was a main avenue of transportation, and contracted to carry lumber and other products between Oil City, Pittsburgh and other points. From 1862 until 1866 he was principally engaged in carrying oil from Oil City to Pittsburgh. For many years he also was a pilot on the Allegheny river. In 1866 he purchased an interest in a coal mine in which he was concerned until 1873. In 1877 he embarked in the lumber business at Monterey, where he erected a sawmill and a planing-mill, and continued in that business until 1881. From that date until 1889 he was engaged in merchandising at Monterey, where he also served first as assistant and later, for four years, as postmaster. Since 1889, when he gave up mercantile business, he has lived more or less retired.

On March 6, 1856, Mr. Sybert was married to Mary Jane Coe, a daughter of Peter and Rosanna (Levier) Coe.

Peter Coe, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Sybert, was born in Scotland Feb. 20, 1753, and after coming to America settled among the early pioneers in Washington county, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Coe, son of Peter Coe, was born in Washington county, Pa., June 8, 1783, and married Susan McKibben. They were pioneer settlers in what is now Perry township, Clarion county, Pa., where he became a substantial farmer and for many years was a justice of the peace.

Peter Coe, son of Benjamin Coe and father of Mrs. Sybert, was born in Armstrong (now Clarion) county, Pa., Dec. 4, 1811. From early manhood until 1860 he was engaged as a mining and building contractor and then embarked in the oil business, in which he continued for many years, dying in 1890, in his eightieth year. He married Rosanna Levier, a daughter of Daniel and Rosanna (Say) Levier, who were pioneers of Butler county, Pennsylvania.

Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sybert: Albert W., Oliver P., Daniel E., Edward M., Samuel C., Florence M., Harry A., Martin A., Adela H., Oscar J., and Cora, the last named dying in infancy. Florence M., now deceased, was the wife of A. A. Horner. Adela H. is the wife of John McCarty. Mr. and Mrs. Sybert have twenty-three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Sybert has always been an interested citizen and one that could be relied upon for efficient public service. Prior to 1900 he was identified with the Democratic party, but since the issues of that period has been a Republican. For three years he served as a justice of the peace in Perry township, and has held every other township office except that of constable. He belongs to Lodge No. 884, I. O. O. F., of Monterey.

WILLIAM A. JACK, capitalist, residing at Slate Lick, Armstrong county, was born June 6, 1836, in North Buffalo township, this county, son of James and Catherine (Downey) Jack.

James Jack was born in Ireland. He was an early settler in Armstrong county, Pa., living in Franklin township when his death occurred in 1865. He was a member of the Baptist Church, as was his first wife, Catherine Downey, who died in 1848. His family consisted of six children, three sons and three daughters, the two survivors being William A. Jack and Mrs. Gould, who is a widow and residing in Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

When fourteen years of age, after his father's second marriage, William A. Jack went to live wth George B. Sloan, with whom he remained until 1859, during which time he was employed on Sloan's large farm of over three

hundred acres. When Mr. Sloan was elected sheriff of Armstrong county, Mr. Jack assumed charge of this farm for him, and afterward bought 150 acres of land from Mr. Sloan onto which he moved in 1865. Subsequently he acquired additional tracts, but in 1904 he disposed of all of his land and embarked in the general mercantile business at Slate Lick, which he continued as long as he remained active in commercial life. For twenty-five years continuously Mr. Jack served in the office of justice of the peace, and through his diplomacy was many times able to settle disputes without recourse to law. He is vice president and a large stockholder in the Farmers' National Bank of Freeport and is also a stockholder in the Kittanning National Bank, of Kittanning, Pa., and has a large interest in the Lackawanna Coal Company, in West Virginia. Politically Mr. Jack is a Republictn, and he is serving in the position of health officer for two counties. His handsome modern residence at Slate Lick is one of the handsomest homes in South Buffalo township. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

ANDREW E. IVORY, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is a member of a family which settled in Armstrong county over half a century ago and has been creditably represented there since. He was born Feb. 13, 1855, at White Oak Level, near Oakmont, Allegheny county, Pa., son of Andrew and Catherine (Schroeder) Ivory.

The name Ivory is of Norman French origin, and one ancient and honorable. Under Ivory, in "A Dictionary of the Family Names of the United Kingdom, endeavoured by Mark Antony Lower," we find the following: "The family De Ivery were descended from Rodolph, half-brother to Richard the first, Duke of Normandy, who for killing a monstrous boar, while hunting with the Duke, was rewarded with the castle of Ivery, on the river l'Evre, and from thence entitled Comes de Iberio." Elsewhere we find: John de Ivery obtained the Manor of Ambrosden, County Oxon, 1077, and Hugh de Iveri occurs as its lord in Domesday Book. It is believed (the name?) so originated is obsolete. 1391 Yvory, Cal. of Wills in the Court of Hastings, Bapt. the son of Ivor popularly Ivor. Ireland had a son St. Ivor or Ivery, who was considered to have prayed away the rats from Fernegenall, "Mures Majors qui vulgariter Rate vocantur," so completely that none ever survived there again. But whether he was named Dane or Kelt does not appear. At any rate St. Ivery was deemed good enough to invoke against rats, Younge II, 249-250.—In some cases the familiar surname Every has assumed the initiative form of Ivory (of Ivens for Evans). Other forms are Everie, Iverye, Ivey, Ivy.

Andrew Ivory, father of Andrew E. Ivory, was born at Brownsville, Pa., and followed agricultural pursuits until his enlistment, in 1861, in Company G, 11th Pennsylvania Reserve Corps. Entering the service as a private, he was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant, and later became acting captain in command from the battle of South Mountain to and including the battle of Fredericksburg. At the latter engagement the bones of his knee were badly shattered, the accident maiming him for life. Because of this serious wound he was honorably discharged, and returned home to resume farming, in which he continued until 1884. His death occurred May 9, 1908. He married Mrs. Catherine (Schroeder) Rigby, a native of Butler county, Pa., who by her first marriage had one daughter, Amelia S., who married a Mr. J. W. McLaughlin. Mrs. Ivory died in January, 1903. By her marriage to Mr. Ivory she had the following children: Alfred L.; Mary A., wife of J. F. Keener, of Kittanning; Andrew E.; Francis J., of Pittsburgh; Robert B., an attorney of Pittsburgh; and Ella J., wife of Alfred Gray, of Columbus, Ohio. Both parents were members of the Presbyterian Church, of which the father had been an elder for several years. He was also a member of the G. A. R. post in his vicinity.

Andrew E. Ivory was but two years old when the family moved to Armstrong county, Pa., his father purchasing a farm near Leechburg. Later they moved to another farm, in South Buffalo township, and Mr. Ivory obtained his early education at the Slate Lick Academy. He afterward attended the Witherspoon Institute at Butler, Pa., and then took a commercial course at the Iron City Business College, Pittsburgh, Pa. His first business experience was gained in a merchant tailoring and clothing store at East Brady, Clarion Co., Pa., which he entered April 1, 1873, and where he was employed for four years. In 1877 he went to Millerstown (Chicora post office), Butler Co., Pa., where he was in the same business for another four years, in 1880 returning to East Brady, to spend six years more in the establishment where he first started. Then for a period of eighteen years he was traveling salesman for Pittsburgh wholesale grocery houses, at the end of that

time becoming part owner and manager of a large steam laundry in Pittsburgh. He was thus engaged until he embarked in his present enterprise, as proprietor of the Select Clean Towel Service for banks and office buildings. His office is at No. 7017 Jenkins Arcade building, Pittsburgh, Pa. He has built up a profitable trade, which he is widening steadily, and has established a position of definite usefulness for himself in the commercal circles of the city. From 1886 to 1895, he lived at Parkers Landing, from 1895 to 1903 at Franklin, Pa., and since 1903 has had his home in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Ivory is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Parker City Lodge, No. 521, F. & A. M., Parkers Landing, Pa.; to the Royal Arch Chapter, No. 273, at Butler, Pa.; Franklin Commandery, No. 44, K. T., of Franklin, Venango Co., Pa.; Pennsylvania Consistory, S. P. R. S., thirty-second degree, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Zemzem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Erie, Pa. He also belongs to the Heptasophs, holding membership in Estella Conclave, of Pittsburgh.

On July 4, 1877, Mr. Ivory married Mary Larkins, daughter of James and Eliza (Deevers) Larkins. She died in April, 1886, leaving two children: Florence, who has taken a course in dentistry and is engaged in practice in Allegheny, having her office at No. 505 Arch street, Allegheny; and Royal H., of Point Richmond, Cal., in the employ of the Standard Oil Company. On June 11, 1905, Mr. Ivory married (second) Mrs. Georgeanna (Outlow) Steele, daughter of George Washington and Catharine (Leonard) Outlow, the former of whom is deceased; since his death the widow has become the wife of Thomas Williams, of Millers Eddy, Armstrong Co., Pa., where they reside. Mrs. Ivory has no children by her present marriage, but there were two daughters by her first union: Florence Etta, who married Charles N. Fry, of Franklin, Pa.; and Goldie Arbutus, who married Edward D. Ivory, of Ford City, Pa., a real estate dealer. Mr. and Mrs. Ivory reside at No. 223 Morse street, Pittsburgh, Pa. They are members of the Presbyterian Church at Knoxville, Pittsburgh.

SIMON RUMBAUGH, late of Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born Feb. 6, 1827, son of Isaac and Christina (Knight) Rumbaugh, and was living retired at the time of his death, April 27, 1912.

David Rumbaugh, the grandfather of Simon, came from Germany to the territory now included in Armstrong county, and settled twelve miles north of Kittanning, along the Allegheny river, being one of the pioneers of that locality. Here he lived, labored and died. His children were: Jacob, Solomon, Adam, John, Leonard, Henry, William, Isaac, Polly and Betsy.

Isaac Rumbaugh, the father of Simon, was born on the farm of his father, grew up there, and eventually became the owner of 530 acres of land. Prior to his death he moved to Dayton, where he died, his remains being interred in the Belknap cemetery, where also lie those of his wife. She was a daughter of Peter Knight, and was born in Northampton county, coming to Clarion county in childhood with her parents. Her children were: David; Mary A., wife of William Wadding; Simon; Lucy A., who married Jacob Thomas; Catherine, who married Henry Rupp; Christina, wife of Christian Reisman; Caroline, who was the first wife of Henry Rupp, her sister Catherine being the second; and Elizabeth, who married Jacob Donmyre.

Simon Rumbaugh was educated in the schools of his town and assisted his father until he himself took charge of the homestead. Later he bought this property, comprising 173 acres of land near Dayton, in Wayne township, on which he built a fine brick house, as well as all the other buildings standing today. He gave his two sons fifty acres each, erecting suitable buildings for them on these tracts.

Mr. Rumbaugh married Annie Doverspike, daughter of George Doverspike. She died in 1900, and is buried at Belknap. The children of this marriage were: Emma married David Baker and lives in South Buffalo township; John, who married Ida Shrecongost, died Sept. 12, 1905, aged forty-five years; George, who married Sophia Gallagher, is living on a portion of the old homestead; William, who married Elizabeth Pontious, is farming the homestead; Samuel is living at home, unmarried; David died April 28, 1896, aged twenty-four years, eight months, thirteen days; James, living at Dayton, is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at their Union station, Pittsburgh.

Mr. Rumbaugh was one of the oldest residents of his section, and all his life commanded the respect and confidence of his associates. He and his brother David built the first church for the Evangelical Reformed denomination in their neighborhood, and he assisted in the construction of the second, known as the Belknap Church. For years he was one of the most influential members

of this church, serving as elder and Sunday school superintendent. Independent in his political views, Mr. Rumbaugh served as township clerk, treasurer of the township, and assessor, and was a faithful official. During his long and useful life he was connected with many movements looking toward moral reforms, and he was justly recognized as one of the most representative men of his township.

ABISHAI McCAUSLAND, deceased, was born in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, Dec. 25, 1829, son of David and Margaret (Guthrie) McCausland. He was well known in that and Wayne townships, and his death on Nov. 20, 1905, was deeply regretted by all who knew him. He was of Scotch-Irish descent.

David McCausland, the father was for many years a farmer in Cowanshannock township, where he died. He and his wife Margaret Guthrie had children as follows: James, William, David, Jane, Margaret, Rebecca, Jacob, Samuel and Abishai.

Abishai McCausland was reared on his father's farm and followed agricultural pursuits all his life, spending the greater part of his time on the fine property he owned in his native township. His death occurred at Dayton, Pa., of a sudden attack of heart disease, while he was engaged in talk in one of the mercantile establishments. He was buried in the Glade Run cemetery. A faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church, he took an active part in its work, and in politics was identified with the Republican party.

Mr. McCausland married Mary A. Russell, a daughter of John and Susanna (Weamer) Russell, and they had three children: Susanna J., who died Jan. 29, 1898, aged twenty-four years, two months, eleven days; Margaret B., born June 3, 1878, who was the wife of John M. Holbek, and died Nov. 17, 1906, survived by one son, John Clair; and Mary R., who lives at home with her mother.

After her husband's death Mrs. McCausland continued to live on her farm of 158 acres, in Cowanshannock township, until February, 1907, at that time removing to Dayton, where she has a spacious residence. She still retains the farm, which is rich in coal.

James Russell, grandfather of Mrs. McCausland, came to Westmoreland county from the eastern part of Pennsylvania ,and followed farming through the rest of his life. He married Margaret Miller, and they had the following children: Margaret, Mary, John, David, Samuel, Isabella, Elizabeth, William, James, Ellen, Caleb and Alexander.

John Russell, son of James and father of Mrs. McCausland, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa. In 1837, he came to Armstrong county with his wife and family and bought a tract of 158 acres, one of the old Kirkpatrick farms, in Cowanshannock township, and there the rest of his life was passed, his death taking place in March, 1864; he was interred in Glade Run cemetery. Mr. Russell served as a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Susanna, daughter of Andrew and Catherine Weamer, and they had two children, James and Mary A. The former was a soldier serving in the Civil war at the time of his death. The latter is the widow of Abishai McCausland.

IRWIN T. CAMPBELL, prothonotary and clerk of the courts of Armstrong county, was born Nov. 17, 1862, in Rayburn township, this county, son of Joseph I. and Isabella (Irwin) Campbell.

The Campbells are of Irish stock, Joseph Campbell, grandfather of Irwin T., having been born in Ireland, in 1808. Being quite young when his father died, he was adopted by an uncle, who cared for him until he reached manhood, and then, after paying a visit to his mother, whom he had not seen since he was first separated from her, he came to America. He first took up his residence in Pittsburgh, securing a position in a mercantile house. Afterward he worked on the Pennsylvania canal, earning and saving the money, $202.06, with which he purchased in 1834 100 acres of land in Valley (now Reyburn) township, Armstrong county, upon which not a tree had been cut. The location is about a mile east of the mouth of Cowanshannock creek. Mr. Campbell converted this into a fine farm, upon which he lived after settling there until his death, which occurred in October, 1858. In 1837 he married Margaret Irvin, and about 1838 they moved onto the farm, where he had already made a clearing and built a log cabin. Although surrounded by adverse circumstances, they arose superior to them through patient toil. Slowly the land was cleared, and the lowly home improved by the addition of hard-earned conveniences. Both were hard-working, thrifty, honest people, and gained the respect of all who knew them. Mr. Campbell was a member of the Methodist Church, and was for years a class leader; his wife was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Campbell's death occurred March 29, 1846,

and from that time the father endeavored by increased care for his children to compensate in some degree, however, small, for the loss of a mother's influence. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had two sons: Joseph I., born Jan. 6, 1841, and John, born in 1844. When the call for soldiers for the Civil war was made both boys volunteered for the Union service, but Joseph I. was not accepted. John was, and the Pennsylvania quota being filled was assigned to the 8th New York Volunteer Infantry, which was attached to the corps commanded by General Dan Sickles. John Campbell died in Allegheny, Pa., in March, 1912. He was married, and his wife and children are also deceased.

Joseph I. Campbell for several years after his father's death rented and continued upon the homestead farm, and in the meantime bought land adjoining. Subsequently he purchased his brother's interest and became the sole possessor of the paternal estate, which through his skilful management was transformed into one of the best homes in the county. Mr. Campbell was numbered among the progressive and successful farmers of his section. In politics he was a Republican. On Sept. 5, 1869, he married Isabella Irwin, who was born in Kittanning in 1828, of Irish parentage, her parents, Thomas and Jane (Williamson) Irwin, having come from Ireland and settled in Kittanning. Mr. Irwin was a weaver by trade. He soon moved to near Cowanshannock creek, where he purchased a farm. He and his wife were Episcopalians in religious conection. They were married in County Donegal, Ireland, and had a family of six daughters and one son, William, who was but six weeks old when the family came to the United States; he enlisted in an Armstrong county company of infantry for service in the Civil war, and afterward removed to the State of Tennessee. Of the daughters, Rebecca J., married R. J. Cochran and moved to Macomb, Ill. Isabella married Joseph I. Campbell. Margaret married Edward B. Thompson and resides in New York City. Annie S., who never married, died in November, 1913. Ellen, also unmarried, lives with her nephew, Albert Thompson, at Verona, Pa. One child died in infancy.

Mrs. Joseph I. Campbell died Dec. 29, 1882, only a few weeks after the death of her son, John I., which occurred Dec. 6th. She was a most estimable wife and mother, and much beloved in the Episcopal Church, of which she was a member. Her surviving children are Irwin T., Mary B. and Joseph G.

Irwin T. Campbell was brought up among strictly rural surroundings upon his fathers' farm, working for his father while attending district school. Later he went to the Dayton Academy and the Edinboro State normal school to fit himself for teaching, following that calling during the winter months and farming in the summer time for some years. In the meanwhile he was making his influence felt as a Republican, and in 1892 was sent as delegate to the State convention of his party. In 1896 he was the Republican nominee for the office of register and recorder and elected. After serving capably for three years he was renominated without opposition, re-elected, and served for another term of three years. He has always been an active supporter of the principles and candidates of his party, and during 1900, 1901 and 1902 rendered efficient service as chairman of the Republican county central committee. In the fall of 1911 he was nominated by his party for the office of prothonotary, was elected, and has since been serving in that capacity, his present term expiring Jan. 1, 1916. From 1903 until 1912 Mr. Campbell was assistant secretary of the Safe Deposit and Title Guaranty Company, Kittanning, Pa. Thoroughly responsible, a man of high ideals and strict adherence to his party, Mr. Campbell is recognized as one of the representative citizens and leading Republicans of Armstrong county.

On April 17, 1912, Mr. Campbell married Myrtle D. Thompson, daughter of Andrew and Martha P. (Marshall) Thompson, the latter a member of a well-known old family of this county and a sister of Porter Marshall, a veteran of the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Kittanning.

William Marshall, Mrs. Campbell's emigrant ancestor, was born in 1722 in Ireland. When a young man he went to Scotland, where about 1748 he married Elizabeth Armstrong, and they soon afterward came to America. They settled in the southern part of what was then the Province of Pennsylvania, about sixty miles northwest of Baltimore, Md., near where the Marsh creek crossed the Pennsylvania and Maryland line—in what was known as the Conococheague settlement. It is now included in Adams county, Pa. Their family of six children, John, James, Margaret, William, Archibald and Samuel, were all born at this place. About the year 1783 William and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Marshall removed with part of their family to Westmoreland county, Pa., settling in that portion now in-

cluded in Indiana county, to which section their sons John and James had emigrated several years previously. They had been driven back by the hostility of the Indians, however, John and his family returning to their first settlement in the East, and James, who was then unmarried, stopping at Sewickley settlement. William Marshall, the father, settled on a tract of land at Blacklegs creek, now included in the township of Conemaugh, Indiana county, where he and his wife died, Mr. Marshall in 1796, Mrs. Marshall in 1806. A copy of his will is on record at Greensburg, Pa., in the Westmoreland county courthouse, in Will Book 1, page 134.

Samuel Marshall, youngest son of William Marshall, was born in what was then York (now Adams) county, Pa. In May, 1791, he married Mary Sterling, probably of Indiana county, as he had accompanied his parents to that part of the State at an earlier date, and they lived on his farm of 300 acres situated in Conemaugh township, Indiana county. The children of Samuel and Mary Marshall were: Mary, Walter, Joseph, Elizabeth, Jane, William S. and Sarah, twins, Archibald, Samuel S., Rebecca and John.

William Sterling Marshall, son of Samuel, was born on the old homestead farm of his father, near Clarksburg, Indiana county, and he died Nov. 19, 1874, aged sixty-four years. His wife, Rebecca (McConnell), was born near Greensburg, Westmoreland county, and died Jan. 24, 1880, aged sixty-four years. Her parents, who came over the mountains from the East to Westmoreland county, were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. William Sterling Marshall and his wife settled soon after marriage, which occurred Feb. 15, 1830, in Armstrong county. He came out first, selected his land and cleared a place for the cabin he built, and the following spring he moved here with his wife, first stopping at Glade Run (near Dayton) awhile with the Marshalls, relatives. They stayed with his cousin, old "Uncle" Robert Marshall, the grandfather of Reed Marshall, now a merchant and leading citizen of Dayton. Then they moved to his cabin and new home. When they came to live in Wayne township, near what is now Belknap, Armstrong county, neighbors were scarce and far apart, and they settled in a rank growth of timber out of which he cleared a farm. There the young pioneer couple made a home and reared their family and lived good and useful lives. Farming was always his occupation. They had four children: David P., who married Martha Brown, of Westmoreland county; Sarah M., who married Attorney Thomas Hindman; Martha P., who married Andrew Thompson; and Mary E., who married John Speer. The parents were stanch Presbyterians.

Andrew Thompson and his wife had five children, namely: Edwin L., who married Elizabeth Quinn, is a printer, and they reside in Pittsburgh; Myrtle D. is Mrs. Irwin T. Campbell; William G. married Sophia Linnweaver, and they reside in Denver, Colo., where he is engaged in the undertaking business; Ella B. died aged seventeen years, unmarried; Rebecca M., deceased, was the wife of Arno Heerlein. Andrew Thompson was born in Christiania, Norway, in 1822, and died Dec. 30, 1902, when eighty years old. On April 24, 1862, he married Martha P. Marshall, who survives him; she was born April 14, 1841. Mrs. Thompson is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Kittanning. Mr. Thompson was a fine Christian gentleman. In his native land he early united with the Lutheran Church, and after his marriage joined the First Presbyterian Church of Kittanning, in whose work he took a prominent part, teaching Sunday school, and proving a very popular teacher with the boys and young men. For several years prior to his death he was an elder of that church. For fourteen years Mr. Thompson was a sailor, and he was one of the pioneers in the California gold fields.

MISS M. THERESA SCHULTE is one of the most accomplished teachers of Kittanning, where her rare mental gifts and attainments, and thorough intellectual training, are highly appreciated.

Miss Schulte is of distinguished German ancestry. Henry Schulte, great-great-grandfather, owned eight hundred acres of land in Blesnohl, on the river Wenne, three miles from Kreis (township) Meschede, Regierungsbezirk (county seat) Arnsberg, Prussia. This estate was left to his eldest son, Michael, her great-grandfather, as was the law and custom of the land; his several other sons and daughters having become Benedictine monks and nuns, and being appointed superiors and superioresses in their various cloisters.

Michael Schulte married a Miss Kersting, and seven children were the issue of the union, of whom only three survived, Miss Schulte's grandfather, John Everhardt, being the youngest child of the family; his two sisters had also entered the Benedictine Convent with their aunts. Upon Napoleon's invasion

of Germany these monks and nuns were obliged to leave their cloisters, and they took with them such articles of devotion, etc., as would be necessary to them in their life in the world. Among these was an iron used in the making of the altar bread. This same is now in the possession of Mr. Schulte's sister (an aunt of Miss Schulte), Mrs. Josephine Stratman, of Detroit, Mich. It bears the inscription I. H. S. and the date 1730 on the one side, and the Roman characters MDCCXXX on the opposite side. Mrs. Stratmann also has a crucifix which evidently came from one of these monasteries or convents, for it has been in the Schulte family for generations, and was the property of the daughter of each succeeding generation until it was presented to John Everhardt Schulte by his mother (his sisters, as said before, having entered the convent). He, in turn, presented it to his daughter Josephine, on the eve of her departure for this country.

John Everhardt Schulte was a boniteur for the German government, which position he held up to the time of his death. He received his early education from his mother's brother, as did also the other children of the family, for owing to the state of affairs resultant to Napoleon's invasion of Germany, school and similar institutions were closed and the children at that time were dependent for their education upon their parents and the priests, who, having no home, wandered from place to place. Notwithstanding all the disadvantages with which he had to contend—for he was only twelve years old at the time of the invasion, he became conversant with all the topics of the day, was a ready writer and a fluent talker. He is described as being a man of calm and rather reserved manner. He married Florentina Vornweg, of Calle, a member of a fine old German Catholic family, the several members of which were highly esteemed for their learning, etc., and much revered for their true Christian character. Her mother belonged to the good old family Stuernberg. There were eight children born to John Everhardt and Florentina (Vornweg) Schulte, four daughters and four sons, the second youngest of whom, Charles, is the father of M. Theresa Schulte. As John Everhardt died intestate his estate was sold, and a village with its manufacturing and mining interests now occupies the site of the old homestead with its adjoining lands.

Charles Schulte came to this country in 1857, when a youth of seventeen years, with his sister, previously mentioned, and her husband and a cousin, Miss Amanda Molitor. The latter became a Sister of Charity of Mother Seton's order, and has been a member of that religious community for the last fifty-five years. She is known in religion as Sr. M. Francis and is now enjoying a well deserved rest at St. Vincent's Hospital, West Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y. She rendered valuable aid at the time of the smallpox epidemic in New York City, when she received honorable mention therefor.

Charles Schulte attended a select school in Detroit, where he gave special attention to the study of English, French and Latin, until he entered the dry goods business there, living in Detroit ten years. He married Miss Theresa Wenks (Wiengs), of Oberberg, on the river Ruhr, in Prussia, who had also come to this country with her parents when a child of but twelve years, and was then living near Saginaw. After their marriage they remained about two years in Detroit, moving in 1867 to East Saginaw, where the family has since resided and is well known and highly respected. Mrs. Schulte's parents were both orphans of prominent and wealthy family. Her father, Anthony Wenks (Wiengs), was born in Wallen. His mother died when he was but an infant and left him to the care of a brother by marriage, who took possession of the home. His mother having been an only child, the estate was rightfully hers and should in turn have fallen to her son. The old Hof is still standing and bears the family name. Anthony Wenks had been married twice. His son, Charles, Mrs. Schulte's half-brother was treasurer of the city of Saginaw about thirty-five years ago. The second wife of Anthony Wenks, Josephine Gierse (grandmother of Miss M. Theresa Schulte), was also an orphan, her mother having died when she and her brother Albert were ten and twelve years old, respectively. Their mother was of noble birth and an only daughter, and the children were left in the care of her brother, with whom they made their home and who took possession of her share of the estate. Albert Gierse never married.

M. Theresa Schulte was born in Saginaw, Mich. She attended St. Mary's Academy at that place, which was at that time conducted by the Sisters of Province of St. Mary of the Woods, in Vigo county, Ind., and later entered the East Saginaw High School, from which institution she graduated with honors. Miss Schulte has specialized in German and English later studying French and continuing work in music. She also attended the East

Saginaw training school for teachers, and after spending the required time in that institution received an appointment as teacher of German and English in the primary and grammar grades of the East Saginaw Public Schools. This position she held until failing health compelled her to seek a change of scene and climate, which she found among the hills of Pennsylvania, in Kittanning. There, she is now continuing her professional duties in the home of Dr. C. J. Jessop, where she has been tutoring his daughter for the past eleven years. Miss Schulte has had exceptional educational opportunities, of which she has taken full advantage. Her gift for languages—she has studied four—she undoubtedly inherited from her father.

BURTON L. BARNHART, whose beautiful home at Kaylor, "Maple Hill," is one of the finest in all that portion of Armstrong county, is extensively interested in oil and gas operations in that region, supplying gas to Kaylor and to the surrounding territory for a radius of five miles. He belongs to a family of German extraction which has long been established in this part of Pennsylvania.

Jacob Barnhart, the progenitor of this branch of the family, came to America from the Rhine country, in Germany, in 1742. His brother John William also emigrated to this country in 1742 and they first settled in Westmoreland county, Pa., later moving to Butler county, where the Barnharts have been well known ever since, the post office of Barnhart's Mills, which was in existence many years, having been named in their honor, and the town at that location was known as Millerstown from the fact that the Barnhart Mills were located there; it is now called Chicora. Philip Barnhart, son of John William Barnhart, was the founder of the town, which he laid out.

Jacob Barnhart, great-grandfather of Burton L. Barnhart, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., son of the Jacob who came from Germany in 1742. Thence he moved in an early day to Butler county, where he took up a large tract of land, owning about 250 acres. He improved his property, developing a beautiful farm, and was known as one of the progressive men of his day, both for the enterprise he displayed in his business affairs and his usefulness as a citizen. Besides farming he followed shoemaking, receiving forty cents a day for work at his trade. When he and his wife died Simon Barnhart, a cousin of Isaac Barnhart (father of Burton L. Barnhart), bought out all the heirs. On his fine farm Jacob Barnhart passed the remainder of his life, dying when fifty-six years old, and he is buried in an old cemetery in Fairview township, that county. His wife, whose maiden name was Spangler, was a native of Butler county and died in 1860; she was interred in the same cemetery. They were members of the German Reformed Church. They became the parents of seven children, namely: John, the grandfather of Burton L. Barnhart, is mentioned below; David died in Chicora, Butler county; William was killed in 1844 while chopping a leaning tree, a splinter flying off and striking him in the neck; Elizabeth married Solomon Rumbaugh, and died in Sugar Creek township; Susan became the wife of Jacob Hauk, of Fairview township, Butler county, and died in that township; Mary Maria married John McKisson, deceased, of Buena Vista, Butler county; Hannah married John Harmond, of Chicora, Pa., a stone cutter and mason, and both are deceased.

Andrew Barnhart, brother of Jacob, above, also lived in Butler county, making his home in Fairview township. He served in the Black Hawk war as a fifer, and having to blow the fife one extremely cold day had his fingers frozen; upon his return home he made an oath that he would never again blow a fife, which he kept faithfully. He died at the age of eighty years.

John Barnhart, grandfather of Burton L. Barnhart, was born Feb. 6, 1800, in Chicora, Butler Co., Pa., and lived to the age of eighty-six years, six months, twenty days. All his school education was received in the German language, nevertheless he learned to speak English as fluently as any, and he always maintained high standing among the intelligent citizens of his community. After his marriage he settled where the Kaylor coal mine is now operated, and his upright and industrious life gained and held the esteem of all who knew him. He took no part in politics, but was a Republican in sentiment, and he held membership in the German Reformed Church.

Mr. Barnhart married Susanna Hepler, who was born Sept. 10, 1810, at Cherry Run, Clarion Co., Pa., daughter of Jacob Hepler, a pioneer of that county, and she preceded him to the grave, dying Jan. 4, 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart are buried in the dilapidated cemetery previously mentioned. They were the parents of eleven children, viz.: (1) Jacob C., born Feb. 25, 1830, died in January, 1913.



B. L. Barnhart

He was a devout member of the Nevin Memorial Reformed Church, and a regular attendant, missing only one communion service from 1849 until his death; he served as deacon from 1856 to 1880. Mr. Barnhart served as school director of Limestone township, Clarion county, for four terms. His first marriage was to Barbara Smith, by whom he had two children, Scott and Mary, the latter deceased. Scott settled on the old home farm, a fine property of 153 acres, in Limestone township, Clarion county, where he still lives. For his second wife Jacob C. Barnhart married Mrs. J. S. Stahlman, who died Jan. 24, 1912, at Frogtown, Clarion county. (2) Elizabeth married Charles McKinney, who died April 25, 1862, near Rimersburg, Clarion county, and she subsequently became the wife of Thomas Downs, of Clarion county, by whom she had one son, Isaac Scott. By her first marriage she had four children, David, William, Alkana and John. She died Sept. 12, 1912, and is buried at Richmond, Kans. She was a member of the German Reformed Church. (3) Hannah married Joseph Foringer, a manufacturer of woolens, later engaged as a merchant at Kaylor. Both died when seventy-three years old. They had a family of twelve children: One that died in infancy, Scott, twins, Jane, Henry, Isaac (deceased), Harvey, Joseph, Winnie (Mrs. John Wiles), Sarah and Charles. (4) Lewis married Mary Brown, of Butler county, Pa., who died Sept. 7, 1911, and is buried at Lahobeth Presbyterian Church in Clarion county. He died at Mechanicsville, Clarion county, when sixty-five years of age. They were the parents of three children, Lemuel, Charles Ellis and a daughter that died in infancy. (5) Katherine married John Shook, and they lived at Kaylor and Buena Vista. At the time of her death, March 12, 1914, when she was seventy-seven years old, she was living at Perry, Ohio. They had children as follows: Alvin, Thomas (who was killed on the railroad), Curtis (deceased), Isaac (of Ohio), Nettie (who married John Clouss, of Ohio), Mollie (who married William Harrington, also of Ohio), and Edward (who is in the regular army). (6) Adam, now living at Iola, Kans., aged seventy-four years, was married in 1860 to Kate Shook, who died in 1911 in her eighty-third year. They settled in Kansas. They had children: Isabelle, Loman, Walter, Ida M., Linus, John, Emma and Edward. (7) Isaac is mentioned fully below. (8) Sarah, who died in August, 1904, was the wife of W. H. Eynon and had four children, Ethel, Myrtle, William (deceased) and Harry (deceased). (9) Rachel married Harvey Peck and lives in Vermont. She has one child, Grace. (10) Susanna, twin of Rachel, is the widow of Thomas Shook, of Pittsburgh, Pa., where she resides now sixty-eight years old. She has had six children, Satarra, Olive, Ruth, Anna, Charles, and a son that died in infancy. (11) Joseph married Nancy McElroy, and they have had children, William, Mollie, Kate, James, Eva, Ella, Hannah, Pearl, Lulu and Hugh.

Isaac Barnhart was born Aug. 16, 1841, on the farm where he still resides in Brady's Bend township, a half mile south of the Kaylor post office. He obtained his education there, attending the local schools until he was about fourteen years old, after which he worked steadily on the home farm up to the time he was twenty, at the outbreak of the Civil war. He then enlisted in the Union army, joining Company B, 103d Pennsylvania Volunteers, organized at Kittanning, in which he became corporal; he was mustered into the service Sept. 24, 1861. He also served with the 8th Independent New York Artillery from Nov. 28, 1863, being mustered out July 8, 1865. He saw much active service and was wounded once. Returning to his home in Brady's Bend township in August, 1865, he remained there until December, when he went to Hamden, Delaware Co., N. Y., at which place he was married Dec. 12, 1865, to Hattie E. Shaffer, daughter of Adam Shaffer, of Shaverstown, Delaware Co., N. Y., of old Revolutionary stock, and in 1866 returned to Brady's Bend township and settled on the home place. Mr. Barnhart followed farming there very successfully, owning a fine property of five acres near Kaylor (within the limits of the Kaylor voting precinct) and worked at his trade, harnessmaking. For the last fifteen years he has lived retired, enjoying a well earned rest. In former years Mr. Barnhart took a direct part in township affairs, in which he has always maintained public-spirited interest. He served twelve years as school director, and was constable for one term. Politically he has been a lifelong Republican.

Seven children were born to Isaac and Hattie E. (Shaffer) Barnhart, namely: Burton L., is mentioned below; Herman W. married Jennie McClintock, of Butler, Pa.; Minnie is the wife of James Wagle, of Kaylor; Orman C., of Cassville, W. Va., married Catherine Wills, of Mars, Pa.; Newton H., who lives at Kaylor, married Ada Snyder; Charles, who served in the Spanish-American war, remain-

ing in the army three years altogether, married Frankie Hires, and lives at Columbus, Ohio (he has been a railroad man for thirteen years); Charles Arthur died in 1875, when twenty months old. The mother of this family died April 4, 1886, in her forty-fifth year, and was buried at the Baptist Church at Kaylor.

On July 18, 1888, Mr. Barnhart married (second) Mary E. Meyers, who was born June 12, 1858, in Brady's Bend township, daughter of the late Isaac and Elizabeth Meyers, pioneer residents of that section. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart have had no children. They have both been active in Grange work, having been charter members of the Kaylor Grange, No. 1396, which Mr. Barnhart has served as chaplain and Mrs. Barnhart as Ceres. They are members and earnest workers in the M. E. Church, Mr. Barnhart holding the offices of trustee and district steward.

Burton L. Barnhart was born April 16, 1867, in an old log house on the farm at Kaylor, and was reared there, obtaining his education in the neighborhood schools, which he attended until thirteen years old. After he started to work for himself he was employed at the Barnhart coal mine, opposite his present home, which supplied all the coal for local well drilling at that time, and from there he changed to the oil business, beginning as a pumper. After two years he went into business on his own account, and in spite of the fact that he had helped to drill probably more dry holes than any other man in Armstrong county he has made a notable success of his work. It is a fact worthy of record that on Sept. 5, 1899, Mr. Barnhart drilled the first "Speechly sand" gas well in this country, located about two hundred feet from his present residence. He proceeded with the drilling in spite of all opposition and discouragements, one prominent gas man going so far as to say he was in need of a guardian. However, he was rewarded with one of the largest gas wells in this part of the country, the production reaching 1,200,000 feet of gas per day. The well is 2,480 feet deep, and the rock pressure at first was 980 pounds, and great difficulty was experienced in getting the output under control, the well "blowing out" three times; a special "packer" had to be made to control it. The rock pressure now is 300 pounds, and the production is still large. Mr. Barnhart at present has twenty-two producing gas wells and fifteen producing oil wells (all having telephone connections with his office), besides twenty-five miles of gas pipe line. He himself continues to take an active part in the operations, with which he keeps closely in touch, personally superintending the fields, and reading all the gas meters. The production is heavy at present, and Mr. Barnhart's efficient and profitable management of his affairs has won him high standing among the progressive and enterprising operators of the day. In this connection he employs five men regularly. The Barnhart Coal Mine pumping station is supplied with gas from his property, as well as the town of Kaylor and the surrounding county. Mr. Barnhart also has other business interests, being president of the Butler County Auto Company. He handles a full line of gas fittings and supplies, stoves, ranges, etc., and plumbing supplies (in which he does a thriving business), and is now installing a gasoline plant to make gasoline for all commercial purposes. He keeps seven fine horses to do the large amount of hauling required in the various operations of production and trade, and some of these are standard bred.

Mr. Barnhart is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Chicora Blue Lodge, No. 540, Butler Chapter, No. 273, Tancred Commandery, No. 48, of Pittsburgh, and the Consistory and Shrine at Pittsburgh. With his wife he belongs to Butler Chapter, No. 45, O. E. S., and to Damascus (No. 1) White Shrine of Jerusalem, at Pittsburgh. He is also a member of Lodge No. 203, B. P. O. Elks, of Kittanning. He attends the Baptist Church. Mr. Barnhart has been a lifelong Republican, and he is now serving his party as committeeman for No. 2 district, Kaylor. He has always endeavored to exert his influence for the improvement of local conditions, and his usefulness is appreciated by his fellow citizens.

On Dec. 6, 1887, Mr. Barnhart married Ella L. Doutt, daughter of John Tarlton and Mary Ann (Campbell) Doutt, of Brady's Bend, the former an old settler of that place, where he was a well-known blacksmith for years. John Tarlton Doutt was the son of John R. Doutt and Lydia (Frantz), daughter of Isaac Frantz, of near Bellefonte, Pa. Mrs. Mary Ann (Campbell) Doutt was the daughter of Samuel Campbell, a farmer near Fairview, Butler Co., Pa., who married Miss Sidney Gibson. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart have no children. Ever since their marriage they have lived at their present location, on the south side of Kaylor, and in 1904 he built the beautiful modern residence there which they have since occupied. The property, known as Maple Hill, consists of thirty-five acres, beautifully improved, and

particularly noted as a fine residence property. The fine lawn is tastefully inclosed with cement blocks, and Mr. Barnhart has built a large buff brick barn with all modern improvements on the place, probably the finest in the county. It is 36 by 46 feet, three stories high, with cement floors and of fireproof construction throughout. Mr. Barnhart has also planted an orchard, of three hundred trees, of various fruits.

GALBRAITH. (I) The family of Galbraith is of the remotest antiquity—the name being derived from the Celtic. It was in the parish of Baldunoch, County Stirling, that the Galbraiths of Baldunoch, chiefs of the name, had their residence. In Frazer's statistical accounts of the inhabitants of the Isle of Gigha, the following occurs: "The majority of them are of the names of Galbraith and McNeill, the former reckoned the more ancient." The Galbraiths in the Gaelic language are called Breatanieh, that is Britons, or the children of the Briton, and theirs was once reckoned a great name in Scotland according to the following lines translated from the Gaelic:

> Galbraiths from the Red Tower
> Noblest of Scottish surnames.

The first of the name of whom we have any mention is John Galbraith, who was the father of the following (he probably died before the emigration of his sons from Ireland to America): James, born 1666, married Rebecca Chambers; John married and left issue, but further than this fact we have no knowledge; after his arrival in America he remained several years in Philadelphia, and some of his children settled west of the Susquehanna in what is now York and Adams counties, and their descendants emigrated to Kentucky.

(II) James Galbraith, son of John Galbraith, of Scotch parentage, was born in 1666, in North of Ireland, whence he emigrated about the year 1718, settling in Conestoga, afterward Donegal township, then Chester county, Province of Pennsylvania. He was one of the founders of the old Derry Church, a man of prominence, and head of a remarkable family. He died Aug. 23, 1744, and is buried in the old graveyard at Derry. His wife was Rebecca Chambers, daughter of Arthur Chambers. Of his children we have the following: John, born 1690, married Janet ———; Andrew, born 1692, married and left issue; James, born 1703, married Elizabeth Bertram; Eleanor, married Feb. 27, 1735, Patrick McKinley and had issue (surname McKinley), John, Joseph and Janet; Isabel, married Oct. 21, 1735, Alexander McMillan; Rebecca, died in 1748, married ——— Stewart, and had issue (surname Stewart), Charles, Robert, William, Frances and Margaret.

(III) John Galbraith (James, John), born 1690 in the North of Ireland, died October, 1753, in Donegal township, Lancaster Co., Pa.; settled along Donegal Meeting-House run, about one and three-fourth miles below his brother Andrew in 1718; was a miller by trade and built a grist and sawmill in 1721, at the run along the "great road," which very likely branched from the Paxtang and Conestoga road some miles east of Mt. Joy, and extended through the Scotch-Irish settlement to the Conoy Indiana town; he also kept an "ordinary"; was elected sheriff of the county of Lancaster in 1731, and was a member of the first jury drawn in that county. He married Janet ———, born about 1693, and they had issue: Robert, born 1715, married Rebecca ———; Elizabeth; Margaret.

(III) Andrew Galbraith (James, John), born about 1692, in the North of Ireland; came to America with his father and settled along the run which has its source at Donegal Meeting-House, now Lancaster Co., Pa. He was appointed the first coroner, afterward, in 1730, one of the justices of the court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions, a position he held six years. In 1732 he and his neighbor, George Stewart (another account says John Wright, a Quaker), were candidates for the General Assembly. At that time none but freeholders were allowed to vote, and the only polling place was the town of Lancaster, where all voters were obliged to go. Mr. Galbraith took no active part in the canvass himself, but his wife mounted her favorite mare, Nelly, road out through the Scotch-Irish settlement, and persuaded them to go with her to the county town. She appeared at the courthouse leading a procession of mounted men, whom she halted and addressed. The effect was that her husband was triumphantly elected. After his first election he seems to have had no opposition. He took out a patent for 212½ acres May 2, 1737, and was one of the first ruling elders of the Donegal Church; appointed a justice of the peace in 1730, a position he held until 1747, when he removed west of the Susquehanna; he served several years in the Provincial Assembly, and was one of the most prominent of the pioneer settlers and a fair and trustworthy officer. After the year 1746, when he disposed of his farm, very lit-

tle is of record concerning him. Of his children we have only the following: John, born in 1717, married Jennett McCullough; Arthur, on the 22d of September, 1766, took up 250 acres of land on Shaver's creek; Robert, who died prior to 1768, married and left Ann, aged sixteen years.

(III) James Galbraith (James, John), born 1703 in the North of Ireland, died June 11, 1786, in East Pennsboro township, Cumberland Co., Pa., and buried in the Derry Church graveyard; he took up a tract in now Derry township, Dauphin county, on Spring creek, not far from the church glebe, the warrant therefor being granted the 13th of March, 1737; he became a man of note on the frontiers, and the early provincial records of Pennsylvania contain frequent reference to him; was elected sheriff of the county in October, 1742; for many years was one of the justices for the county of Lancaster, and served as an officer during the Indian wars of 1755-1763. Toward the Revolutionary period he removed to Cumberland county. He married April 6, 1734, in Christ Church (at that time the English government recognized only marriages performed in the Church of England), Philadelphia, Elizabeth Bertram, born 1714 or 1718, according to one account, in the North of Ireland, and according to another at Newcastle upon Tyne, in England, died Feb. 2, 1799, in Derry (or East Pennsboro) township, Dauphin Co., Pa., the daughter of Rev. William Bertram; she was a woman of rare accomplishments and excellence. They had issue: William, born 1736 (nothing further is known of him); Bertram, born Sept. 24, 1738, married first Ann Scott, secondly Henrietta Huling; Robert, born 1740, died January, 1804, in Huntingdon county, Pa., was an officer in the Revolution, commanding a regiment and was commissioned president judge of the county, Nov. 23, 1787; Dorcas, born 1742, married John Buchanan; Elizabeth, born 1744, married Clarence Torrance; Thomas, born 1746; John, born 1748, married and had issue; Andrew, born 1750, married Barbara Kyle.

(IV) Robert Galbraith (John, James, John), born about 1715, in the North of Ireland, died March 8, 1748, in Donegal township, Lancaster Co., Pa. He and his wife. Rebecca, had issue: John, born 1739, married Mary McCormick; Rebecca, born 1742, married Ephraim Blaine.

Mrs. Rebecca Galbraith subsequently married Capt. John Byers, of Donegal, who afterward removed to Cumberland county, Pa.; he was an officer in the French and Indian war and a man of prominence in the Provincial days.

(IV) John Galbraith (Andrew, James, John), born about 1717, in Donegal township, Lancaster Co., Pa., died Jan. 20, 1757, in Cumberland county, Pa., and was buried in Silver Spring churchyard; married April 23, 1742, Jennett McCullough. They had issue James, born 1743, married Martha McClellan; Jennett, born 1745; Sarah, born 1747; Robert, born 1748, married Mary ————.

(IV) Bertram Galbraith (James, James, John), born Sept. 24, 1738, in Derry township, Lancaster (now Dauphin) Co., Pa., died March 9, 1804, in Cumberland county, Pa., while on a visit to his brother Andrew. He received the best education the schools of that day afforded, and studied surveying, a profession he followed many years. During the French and Indian wars Colonel Galbraith served as an officer in a company of rangers for the protection of the frontiers. From 1760 to 1775, acting in his professional capacity, he surveyed the greater portion of the land located in the present counties of Dauphin, Perry and Juniata. He was a member of the Provincial convention of Jan. 23, 1775; delegate to the Provincial conference of June 18, 1776; member of the constitutional convention of July 15, 1776. During that year he was elected colonel of one of the Lancaster battalions of associators on duty in the Jerseys, during the greater portion of that year serving also as a member of the Assembly, 1776-77. On June 3, 1777 he was appointed county lieutenant; Nov. 8, one of the assistants to collect clothing for the army; Dec. 16, appointed by the Assembly to take subscriptions for the continental loan. He acted as one of the commission which met at New Haven, Conn., Nov. 22, 1777, to regulate the prices of commodities in the States. After four years of executive and exhaustive labor Colonel Galbraith was compelled to resign the office of county lieutenant, but remained in the service as an officer of militia until the restoration of peace. In 1789 he was appointed one of the commissioners to view the Juniata and Susquehanna, and mark the places where locks or canals were necessary to render these streams navigable. He was appointed deputy surveyor Nov. 4, 1791, and while acting as such took up large tracts in Lykens valley, but dying before patents were issued to him his heirs lost them all in the litigations which ensued. Colonel Galbraith was twice married; first March 30, 1759, to

Ann Scott, born Dec. 26, 1741, died June 29, 1793, daughter of Josiah Scott, of Donegal. They had: (1) Josiah married and had two sons, one of whom, Bertram, married his cousin Mary, and settled in Milton, Pa., and they also had two sons: Josiah's family, except Bertram's son William, went to the West at an early date, and there is no record of any save that the younger son was engaged in the Indian war in Minnesota in 1862. (2) Samuel Scott studied medicine; assisted in laying out the town of Bainbridge; was twice married, first wife Margaret, born in 1772, died April 29, 1801, and second wife, Juliette born 1774, died April 1, 1813; he had two sons, Dr. Bertram and James, the former marrying first a Miss Reigart. of Lancaster, and secondly a Miss Lehman of the same place, who, after the Doctor's death became the wife of Col James Cameron. (3) Elizabeth died near Washington village, Lancaster Co., Pa. (4) Mary, d. s. p. (5) Henrietta died April, 1804, married David Cook, and had issue (surname Cook): Bertram, d. s. p., and Mary Ann, who married Henry Carpenter and left issue (surname Carpenter): James Cook, Dr. Henry, Maria Louisa and Isaac A. (6) Jean, born 1772, died Jan. 13, 1842, married David Elder (see Elder record). (7) Ann married Thomas Bayley, born Jan. 6, 1732, died Feb. 9, 1807, son of John Bayley, of Donegal; no issue. (8) James married April 6, 1810, Rosetta Work, daughter of Joseph Work, of Donegal; they lived on the island in the Susquehanna opposite the village of Bainbridge; they had issue: Sarah Work died unmarried; Julia died unmarried; Mary married her cousin Bertram Galbraith, of Milton, Pa.; Annetta married a physician and left no issue; Work went to Ohio when a lad and died there at the age of twenty-one; William Bertram, born Oct. 19, 1779, died Nov. 24, 1835, married Sarah Hays, born Dec. 11, 1774, died July 11 1839, daughter of John and Eleanor Hays.

Colonel Galbraith married secondly Feb. 15, 1798, Henrietta Huling, of Isle Benvenue; they had issue: Sarah married Samuel Morris, of Philadelphia, and they had issue (surname Morris): Henrietta, Elizabeth, Sarah, Samuel and Richard; Bertram Gillespie, born May 9, 1804, married Eliza Fager Bell.

After Colonel Galbraith's death his widow married George Green, of Easton, Pa., and they had issue (surname Green): Charles, who died unmarried; George, of Princeton, N. J.; and Henrietta, of Easton, Pennsylvania.

(IV) John Galbraith (James, James, John), born about 1748; served in the war of the Revolution; was taken prisoner at the battle of Long Island, and suffered great hardships while in captivity. After the close of the war he resided some time in Huntingdon county, Pa., whence he removed to Butler county, Pa., about 1798, and where he remained until his death. Of his children we have the following: Alexander married and left issue in Butler county, Pa.: James became a physician of prominence; John, born 1794, married Amy Ayres.

(IV) Andrew Galbraith (James, James, John), born about 1750 in Derry township, Lancaster county, died March, 1806, in East Pennsboro township, Cumberland Co., Pa.; married Barbara Kyle, born in Donegal township, Lancaster Co., Pa., daughter of John Kyle. They had issue: Jean, born 1781, married Matthew Miller, and had (surname Miller): Andrew Galbraith; Elizabeth, born 1784; Julianna, born 1786, married William McNeill Irvine; Mary (Molly), born 1789, married Feb. 13, 1810, Michael Ege; Sarah (Sally) W., born Jan. 25, 1791, married John Bannister Gibson; Barbara, born 1793; Dorcas, born 1795; Nancy (Agnes), born 1797.

(V) John Galbraith (Robert, John, James, John), born about 1739, in Donegal township, Lancaster Co., Pa., died prior to 1803 in East Pennsboro township, Cumberland county; served in the Revolutionary war; was taken prisoner at the battle of Long Island; married Mary McCormick and they had issue: Thomas James McCormick; John, married and left issue: Elizabeth, married Patrick Hays; Dorcas; Robert, married and left issue: Agnes; Mary; William Bertram.

(V) Rebecca Galbraith (Robert, John, James, John), born in 1742 in Donegal township, Lancaster Co., Pa.; died about 1780, in Middleton township, Cumberland county; married June 26, 1765, Ephraim Blaine, born May 26, 1741, in the North of Ireland; died Feb. 16, 1804, in Middleton township, Cumberland Co., Pa., son of James and Elizabeth Blaine. The elder Blaine, born of Scotch ancestry, came with his family from the North of Ireland, in the vicinity of Londonderry, to America prior to 1745, and settled in Toboyne township, Cumberland county. He took up a large tract of land on the south side of the Juniata river, as did each of his children a few years later. He became an influential man on the then frontiers of the Province, and was quite prominent in affairs during the French and Indian wars, as well as toward the

close of his life in the struggle for independence. He died at his residence in Toboyne township in July, 1792, well advanced in years, leaving a wife, Elizabeth, and nine children. The eldest of these was Ephraim, who received a classical education at the school of Rev. Dr. Alison, in Chester county, Pa., and was recommended by him for an ensigncy in the Provincial service as being "a gentleman of good family." He was appointed commissary sergeant, and during the Bouquet expedition to the westward, in 1763, was connected with the 2d Provincial Regiment. From 1771 to 1773 he served as sheriff of Cumberland county. At the outbreak of the Revolutionary struggle he entered early into the contest and assisted in raising a battalion of Associators, of which he was commissioned lieutenant colonel, holding the position until he was appointed by the Supreme Executive Council as county lieutenant of Cumberland, April 5, 1777. This office he resigned in August following, when he entered the commissary department of the Continental establishment. He was commissioned commissary general of purchases Feb. 19, 1778, a position he held over three years, including one of the most trying periods of the war—the cantonment at Valley Forge. He was a man of large fortune and recourse, so that, during the long and severe winter, with the aid of personal friends, he made an advance of $6,000,000, for use of the patriot army. Millions of dollars passed through his hands without a suspicion of his purity and disinterestedness. Owing to his personal sacrifices, however, Colonel Blaine's estate became impaired, although his fortune remained ample. While in the service he enjoyed the confidence of Washington and his fellow officers. It was at his home that the first president remained during his week's stay at Carlisle during the so-called Whiskey Insurrection of 1794. Subsequently Colonel Blaine retired to his farm in Middleton township, Cumberland Co., Pa., where he closed his eminently patriotic and honorable career in his sixty-third year. He was twice married —his second wife being Sarah E. Duncan, widow of John Duncan, of Carlisle, and daughter of Col. Samuel Postlethwaite, and they had one son, Ephraim, d. s. p. By his first wife, Rebecca Galbraith, there was issue, six children, of whom we have only the following (surname Blaine): James (grandfather of James G. Blaine), died 1832, married first Jean ————, and secondly Margaret Lyon; Robert, died January, 1826, married Anna Susanna Metzgar, and they had issue (surname Blaine), Rebecca, married Rev. Jeremiah Chamberlain, D. D., and Anna Susanna, married Samuel Alexander; Ephraim Metzgar; Eleanor, born 1789, died Jan. 9, 1839, married first Dr. Levi Wheaton, born Sept. 6, 1796, died Sept. 24, 1824, and had issue (surname Wheaton), Ellen Blaine, d. s. p., Mary Blaine, d. s. p., and she married secondly John Hays, born 1794, died April 29, 1854, and had issue (surname Hays), Robert, d. s. p., John, married Jenny Smead, and Mary Blaine, married Richard Mulligan; Mary; James, d. s. p.; David, who died in December, 1804, married Isabella Hill, and had issue, among others (surname Blaine): (1) Robert, who married and had John, David and William, and (2) Ephraim.

(V) James Galbraith (John, Andrew, James, John), born about 1741, died prior to 1790; was a soldier of the Pennsylvania Line in the Revolution; in 1783 resided in "Washington borough, near Carlisle"; married Martha McClellan, daughter of John McClellan, of Danville, and they had issue: (1) John. (2) Rebecca, married July 18, 1793, David Herron.

John McClellan had sons: William George died a prisoner of war in New York; Col. James died at Mercersburg; Dr. John died at Greencastle. His daughters were: Martha, who married James Galbraith, and others, who married respectively John Holliday, William Holliday, Capt. John Blair (of Blair county) and Samuel Culbertson, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Ramsey of Franklin county, Pennsylvania.

(V) Robert Galbraith (John, Andrew, James, John), born about 1748, in Cumberland county, Pa., died in 1795, in Allen township, Cumberland county. He and his wife Mary had issue: Nancy (Agnes) married James Pollack; Elizabeth married Benjamin Hunt; Mary married William Wray; James, Jane married Joseph Williams; Robert, born 1782; John, born 1784.

(V) Bertram Gillespie Galbraith (Bertram, James, James, John), born May 9, 1804, at Bainbridge, Lancaster Co., Pa., died April 30, 1848, at Bainbridge; married Feb. 23, 1832, Eliza Fager Bell, youngest daughter of John Bell and Elizabeth Clouser, of Middle Paxtang township, Dauphin Co., Pa. John Bell was the only child of William Bell, and his wife, Catherine Park, of Scotch-Irish birth, who came to America on the same vessel which conveyed John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodism. Mrs. Galbraith for

a period of twenty years was postmistress at Bainbridge, resigning only by reason of her advanced years; being left a widow with a large family she felt the necessity of bringing into action all her energies and business qualifications to the better support of her children. All her six sons were in the Civil war, and did faithful service. Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith had issue: William Bell, born Oct. 15, 1833, in Harrisburg, Pa., married Elizabeth Lane, of Mt. Joy, Pa., and had Frank Lane (resides in Havana, Ill); James Carpenter, born July 9, 1835, in Harrisburg, died July 18, 1872, unmarried, in Bainbridge, Pa.; John Fager, born July 23, 1837, in Bainbridge, Pa., married Henrietta Hoff, of Bainbridge, and had Eliza, Laura, William, Catherine, John (d. s. p.), Henry, Robert, and John (2); Jefferson Green, born July 28, 1839, in Marietta, Pa., married Mary Filbert, of Bainbridge, Pa., and had Emily, Charles, Mary (d. s. p.), Wildey (d. s. p.) and Annie Filbert (resides in Philadelphia); Franklin Grush, born March 7, 1842, in Marietta, Pa., married Annie N. Meyer, of Harrisburg, Pa. (deceased), and had Nettie Elizabeth and Annie Meyer (d. s. p.) (resides in Bainbridge, Pa.); Bertram Gillespie, born Sept. 7, 1845, in Bainbridge, Pa., married Miriam Reese, of Mt. Joy, Pa., and had Miriam, Hellen, and Aurelia (resides in Wrightsville, Pa.).

(V) John Galbraith (John, James, James, John), born 1794, in Huntingdon county, Pa., died June 15, 1860, in Erie, Pa. His father removed to Butler county, Pa., toward the close of the century, and he was brought up on the farm. When a young man he commenced teaching school, and later on began the study of law in the office of John William Ayres, of Butler, and was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-three. He shortly after removed to Franklin, Venango Co., Pa., where he rose rapidly, both in his profession and in popular esteem. His first official position was as a member of the Assembly, to which he was elected three times. He was elected to Congress as a Democrat in 1832, 1834 and 1838. In 1837 he removed to Erie, where he resided until his death. On retiring from Congress, in 1840, he practiced law until the fall of 1851, when he was elected president judge for Erie, Crawford and Warren counties. His death occurred before the expiration of his term of office. Judge Galbraith was one of the foremost men in promoting the various public enterprises that gave the first strong impulse to Erie county. He was the pioneer in projecting the railroad from Erie to the Ohio State line, and aided greatly in reviving the long dormant proposed railroad from Erie to Sunbury, now the Philadelphia & Erie railroad. One of his favorite ideas, the establishment of a prison for youthful offenders exclusively, has been adopted by the State in the institution at Huntingdon, and elsewhere. Judge Galbraith married in May, 1822, Amy Ayres, daughter of Rev. Robert Ayres, an Episcopalian minister, a resident of Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa., and brother of Gen. William Ayres. Mrs. Galbraith died March 2, 1868, in the city of Philadelphia. They had issue: (1) William Ayres, born May 9, 1823, married Fanny Davenport. (2) Elizabeth Ann married William S. Lane, of Erie, now a practicing lawyer of Philadelphia.

(V) Julianna Galbraith (Andrew, James, James, John), born about 1786, in Cumberland county, Pa., died Jan. 13, 1862, in Philadelphia, at the residence of her son, William Callender Irvine, and is buried in the Laurel Hill cemetery. She married July 26, 1808, William McNeill Irvine, born about 1778 in Carlisle, Pa., died Sept. 25, 1854, in Harrisburg, Pa., and there buried. He was the second son of Gen. William Irvine, of the Revolution, and Anne Callender, daughter of Capt. Robert Callender, of Middlesex, Cumberland Co., Pa. He was educated at Dickinson College, where he graduated; subsequently studied law with Judge Thomas Duncan, and was elected to the Cumberland county bar in 1802. He afterward located at Harrisburg, and was admitted to the Dauphin county bar at an adjourned court in March, 1807. He entered the United States army as captain May 3, 1808, in the regiment of light artillery, and was stationed several years at New Orleans. He left the army, by resignation, about 1811 or 1812, and resumed the practice of law at Sunbury. In July, 1813, he was acting adjutant general of Pennsylvania, which duties he performed until his appointment by the president of the United States as colonel of the 42d Regiment, United States Infantry, Aug. 4, 1813. At the close of the war he resigned and located at Harrisburg, and was appointed deputy attorney general for the counties of Dauphin and Northumberland; subsequently commissioned by Governor Snyder, Sept. 14, 1815, escheator general of the State, which position he held until the abolishment of that office. From 1819 to 1821 he was adjutant general of Pennsylvania, and had previously, 1818-19, represented the county of Dauphin in the State Legislature, and to him is due

the credit for originating, authorizing and directing the erection of the capitol building at Harrisburg. From about the year 1826 to 1850 he resided at Gettysburg. In 1847 Governor Shunk appointed him law judge for the York and Adams district, on the expiration of Judge Durkee's term, but he resigned shortly after, owing to some difficulties with the members of the bar and their efforts made to impeach him. Colonel Irvine was a brilliant pleader but not a lawyer, hence his failure in the judicial station to which he had been elevated. He returned to Harrisburg, where he resumed the practice of the law for a while, and subsequently died there. He was an excellent military officer, and a gentleman of fine appearance, tall and commanding, of good conversational powers and a delightful companion, and for a period of thirty years was quite prominent and influential in public affairs. They left issue (surname Irvine): Andrew Galbraith, a physician of prominence in Warren county, Pa., and died a few years since; William Callender, formerly in the quartermaster's department, United States army, and now residing in Philadelphia.

(V) Sarah W. Galbraith (Andrew, James, James, Robert), born Jan. 25, 1791, died May 2, 1853, in Carlisle, Pa.; married in 1810 John Bannister Gibson, born Nov. 8, 1780, in Shearmans Valley, now Perry township, Pa., died May 2, 1853, in the city of Philadelphia, and is buried in Carlisle, Pa. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, son of Col. George Gibson, who fell in the defeat of St. Clair on the 14th of November, 1791. He entered Dickinson College, graduated therefrom, and entered the law office of his kinsman Thomas Duncan. He was admitted to the Cumberland county bar at the March term, 1803. In 1810 he was elected to the Pennsylvania Legislature, and in 1812 appointed president judge for the Eleventh Judicial district, composed of the counties of Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna and Luzerne. Upon the death of Judge Brackenridge, in 1816, Governor Snyder appointed Judge Gibson associate judge of Supreme court, of Pennsylvania. Under the act of Assembly of April 8, 1826, the number of Supreme court judges increased from three to five. The year following Chief Justice Tilghman died, and Judge Gibson succeeded him. In 1838, on the day of the adoption of the then new constitution of the State, he resigned his office but was immediately reappointed by Governor Ritner. In 1851, when the judiciary became elective, his seat became vacant. He, however, was reelected as associate judge and dispensed the high conventions of that office until his death. No greater encomium can be passed upon him than is inscribed upon the marble shaft which marked the place of his repose—from the pen of the late eminent jurist, Jeremiah S. Black. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson had issue (surname Gibson): Margaretta married Col. Charles McClure, and left issue; Sarah married Richard Anderson, U. S. army, and had issue; Annie married Milnor Roberts, civil engineer, and left issue; John Bannister died unmarried; George, U. S. A., married Fannie Hunt.

(VI) Robert Galbraith (John, Robert, John, James, Robert), died March, 1787. They had issue: Samuel, married Feb. 27, 1789, Mary Decker; James; John; William; Elizabeth; Mary.

(VI) William Ayres Galbraith (John, John, James, James, Robert), born May 9, 1823, in Franklin county, Pa. He was educated at Allegheny College, Meadville, and at the academy in Erie, Pa., upon his father's removal to that town in 1837; studied law with his father, being admitted to the bar May 9, 1844, on his twenty-first birthday. In September of the same year he entered Dane Law School, Harvard University, of which Judge Joseph Story and Prof. Simon Greenleaf were instructors, and there graduated in 1845. Returning to Erie he began the practice of law. In 1846 he was appointed by Judge Kane, then attorney general of the State, deputy attorney general for Erie county, in which office he continued until 1850. Taking an active part in politics he was a delegate to the Democratic State convention in 1846, and to several succeeding ones. He was a delegate to the National convention at Charleston in 1860, and at Chicago in 1864. In 1876 he was elected president judge of Erie county, as the people's candidate, although the Republican party ticket had about 2,600 majority. His term of office expired in 1887. Judge Galbraith married May 25, 1846, Fanny Davenport, daughter of Capt. William Davenport, of Erie, Pa. They had issue.

[All the foregoing is from "Pennsylvania Genealogies," W. H. Egle.]

(VI) Robert Galbraith, son of Robert and Mary Galbraith, was born in 1782 in the Cumberland valley, and was a pioneer settler in Butler county, Pa., where he died in 1826. He married Mary White, and they had children as follows: (1) Samuel. (2) William married and left these children: Mary, who married Thomas Watson; Annie, who married

William McClung; Robert, who died on the old homestead in Butler county (he married Isabel, and left children—Caroline, wife of Dr. J. C. McKee; Mary, who married R. B. Ivory, attorney of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bell, Henry, and Hon. James M., judge in Butler county. (3) Mary married John Ralston, and their son James married Maria Thornburg; they are the parents of R. L. Ralston, a leading attorney at Kittanning. (4) Robert. (5) Joseph. (6) Elizabeth, born in 1803, married William McCain.

In the history of Butler county, Pa., by Waterman, Watkins & Co. (1883), page 276, we find: "Robert Galbraith was one of the earliest settlers in the southeast corner of Winfield township. He was a justice of the peace in early times. It was stated that Robert Galbraith, above, pioneer of Butler county, arrived in this township in the dead of winter, and putting up a rude shelter of poles and bark the family lived in it until a log house was built. He married Mary White, a daughter of Matthew White, after whom Whitestown in Butler county was named. Of the sons of Robert and Mary (White) Galbraith, Samuel, William, Robert and Joseph, all dead" (in 1883). "The daughters of Robert Galbraith and wife were Mary, Margaret, Rebecca, Jane, and Elizabeth McCain. William and Joseph lived on the old homestead after their father. Mrs. Joseph Galbraith and three of her nine sons still" (1883) "reside in Winfield township. Joseph died in 1878, aged seventy years."

WILLIAM BERTRAM was born Feb. 2, 1674, in the city of Edinburgh, Scotland. He received his education in the university of his native place, studied for the ministry, and was licensed by the Presbytery of Bangor, Ireland, whom he gave "ample testimonials of his ordination, ministerial qualifications and regular Christian conversation." He married, about 1706, Elizabeth Gillespie, and their children were John and Elizabeth. During one of those periodical political excitements in the British Isles his son disappeared and his parents, under the impression that he had come to America, determined if possible to ascertain his whereabouts, and came to Pennsylvania about the year 1730. Failing in their search they decided to remain in this country, and the following year we find a Rev. Mr. Bertram unanimously received by the Donegal Presbytery, which he joined. At the same time George Renick presented him an invitation to settle at Paxtang and Derry, which he accepted. He was installed Nov. 17, 1732, at the meeting-house on the Swatara. The congregation then appointed a representative to execute to Bertram the right and title to the Indian town tract, situated in Hanover township, on the north side of the Swatara, containing 350 acres. On the settlement of Rev. Mr. Bertram the congregation in the Swatara took the name of Derry, and the upper congregation on Spring creek was styled Paxtang. In 1735 Mr. Bertram complained of the "intolerable burden" he was under with the two congregations, and Sept. 13, 1736, he was released from the care of Paxtang. Rev. William Bertram died on the 2d of May, 1746, aged seventy-two years, and his remains are interred in the Derry Church graveyard, his wife dying prior thereto. He was a faithful minister of the gospel. It may be stated that through his marriage with Miss Gillespie his descendants became heirs to a handsome estate in Edinburgh. Efforts were made to secure this, but the difficulties inherent upon proving descent we presume have been the means of keeping the rightful parties from enjoying this patrimony.

THOMAS THORETT MEREDITH, merchant and postmaster at Widnoon, Armstrong Co., Pa., is the proprietor of the largest general store in the county outside of Kittanning. He was born in Madison township, April 22, 1864, son of Thomas and Margaret (Rhodes) Meredith.

Owen Meredith, his grandfather, was a native of Chester county, Pa., born Oct. 20, 1783. He married Ann McFadden, of Lancaster county, Pa., and they were pioneers of what is now Madison township, Clarion county, where they cleared and improved a farm of 150 acres. They made their home here until about 1850, when they came to Madison township, Armstrong county, where Mr. Meredith owned a tract of 160 acres, and there they resided the remainder of their lives. Mr. Meredith died May 24, 1866, and his wife passed away June 17, 1858. Their children were as follows; Jonathan E., James, Thomas, Aquilla, Madison, Evaline (married to James Gibson), Cynthia (married to John Wallace), and Sarah (married to James Truitt).

Thomas Meredith, son of Owen, was born in what is now Clarion county, Pa., Oct. 20, 1815, and was here reared to manhood. He taught school and followed farming until 1862, when he went to Mahoning, at the mouth of Mahoning creek, and kept the toll house until 1868, when he located at Duncanville, now

Widnoon, in Madison township, and founded the mercantile business now owned by his son Thomas T. This he conducted with success until his death Jan. 3, 1882. Mr. Meredith married Margaret Rhodes, daughter of Joseph Rhodes, who was a native of Armstrong county, and was among the pioneers of Madison township. Mrs. Meredith's mother was Elizabeth (Myers) Rhodes. Seven children survived Mr. Meredith: Madison W.; Alda R., widow of Dr. S. W. Keller; Thomas T.; Owen C.; Tillie I., wife of John C. Fox; Ney O.; and Eva M., wife of Alfred H. Unger.

Thomas T. Meredith was reared in Madison township, and received his education in the common schools there. He began his business career as clerk in his father's store, and after the death of the latter, in 1882, took charge of the business until he attained his majority. He then entered into partnership with his mother and the business was conducted under the firm name of Mrs. M. Meredith & Son until 1893, when he purchased the interest of his mother and has since conducted the business alone. Up to this time the business was an ordinary country store, but Mr. Meredith at once began to enlarge it, making improvements as his patronage increased until now he has the largest store of his kind in the country outside of Kittanning. He has also conducted an undertaking business since 1897, and has proved himself an enterprising, honorable and efficient business man.

On May 6, 1888, Mr. Meredith married Alice M., daughter of William and Mary J. (Henderson) Craig, of Madison township, and they have had three children: Byron W., Thomas T., Jr., and Margaret E. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith are members of the Reformed Church. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, and a member of the Consistory of the Valley of Coudersport, Pa., also Widnoon Lodge, No. 1139, I. O. O. F. Mr. Meredith has served as postmaster of Widnoon since 1885, giving most satisfactory service. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

WILLIAM GALLAGHER, real estate dealer and agent for the Frick machinery at Dayton, Armstrong county, was born July 27, 1845, in Wayne township, son of James H. and Rebecca (Williamson) Gallagher.

Hugh Gallagher, grandfather of William Gallagher, came from Ireland to what is now Wayne township in 1831. Here he bought 200 acres of land from a Mr. Colwell of Kittanning, for one dollar per acre. On this property he built a log cabin, and settling down began life in true pioneer style, clearing off his land, and developing it into a valuable property. He was one of the organizers of the St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Wayne township, and one of its most liberal and influential members. Among his brothers and sisters were: William, who went to Tennessee, where he became a merchant and farmer, and died; his son, Robert, still living in that State, where he owns 420 acres of land; James H.; Nancy Dill; Martha; Mrs. Brice; and Mrs. Hamilton.

James H. Gallagher, son of Hugh Gallagher, and father of William Gallagher, was born in Ireland in 1819, and came to this country with his parents when twelve years of age. His life was spent in agricultural pursuits. Taking the old homestead in Wayne township, he continued to develop it and make improvements until his death, in 1908. He and his wife had children as follows: Hannah, William, Nancy, James, Isabella, Hugh, Uphiah, Mary, and Rebecca.

William Gallagher attended public school in his native township and the Dayton Academy, leaving the latter institution in 1868. Following this he taught school for three terms, one in Wayne township, one in Boggs township, and one in Beaver township, Jefferson county, Pa. The next year he clerked at Echo, for Frank Martin. Having by this time prepared himself, he embarked in a general merchandise business on his own account at Oscar. After two and a half years there, in 1873, he located at Bryan, Pa., where he was the pioneer merchant. This was his home and place of business for twenty-two years, when, tiring of business life, he bought a farm of one hundred eight acres in Cowanshannock township, operating it a few years. He then sold his property, and coming to Dayton in 1898 he established himself in a real estate and implement business. Mr. Gallagher is agent for the Frick machinery, including engines, threshers, and sawmills, placing new ones, as well as those which are second hand, repairing and rebuilding where practicable. He also deals in real estate, mills and stores, buying, selling and exchanging, specializing in building lots. A ten-acre tract which he owned with others, adjoining the borough, he platted and developed into a desirable suburb. In addition he bought a third of forty-four acres in the borough and township, and twenty-two houses, which he is selling to homeseekers. Mr. Gallagher is also interested selling automobiles. He is a charter member of the Pine Creek Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which

he has served as president, treasurer and secretary.

In 1876 Mr. Gallagher was married to Amanda Marshall, daughter of James G. and Nancy (Blair) Marshall. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher had one son, Blaine, born in 1878, who died in 1904, being cut off in the flower of his young manhood. This loss was a terrible one to his parents, and was keenly felt in the community where his blameless life had been spent. Prior to his demise the young man had been taken into partnership with his father, the firm being W. Gallagher & Son.

Mr. Gallagher is a Republican, and being very active in the ranks of his party is called upon to support its principles in public office, having served as tax collector and member of the city council. Upon several occasions he has been sent as delegate to the State conventions. For years he has been a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, which his father assisted in founding, and served it as vestryman, but since moving to Dayton he has attended service at the Methodist Church, and is now the teacher of the Bible class of that organization. Live, progressive, a man of tireless energy, Mr. Gallagher is a power in his community, and deserves the success which has attended his endeavors.

JOHN W. MILLER, postmaster at Logansport, Armstrong county, has held his present position in connection with his store business at that point for over twenty years. He was born Aug. 1, 1859, at Pine Creek, this county, son of Isaac M. and Sarah (Klingensmith) Miller. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Miller, were natives of eastern Pennsylvania, and were of German descent; he came to Kittanning township with his parents.

Isaac M. Miller was born in Kittanning township, Armstrong county, and died April 19, 1890, aged sixty-one years. He married Sarah Klingensmith, of Armstrong county, daughter of Henry and Mary (Davis) Klingensmith; the latter was born on the ocean, coming to this country from Ireland, and her mother dying in Wheeling, W. Va., was adopted by a lady named Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac M. Miller reared a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters, namely: William; John W.; Peter; Leb, deceased; George, deceased; Martha; Ellen, and Dollie.

John W. Miller lives at what is known as Glen. He has kept store at his present location for over twenty years, and has also been postmaster at Logansport for over twenty years, his services giving satisfaction to all concerned. He is one of the substantial citizens of his locality, and is widely and favorably known. On July 16, 1885, Mr. Miller married Rosa Hawley, a native of Manorville, Armstrong county, daughter of Simon F. and Nancy J. (Boyd) Hawley, and they have had three children, all sons: Harry T., who married Mary Richard and has three children, all boys; Merrill F., who married Anna Johnson and has had three children, two sons and one daughter; and Frank. Mrs. John W. Miller is a member of the Baptist Church. In politics Mr. Miller is a Republican.

CHRISTIAN TRUBY, of South Buffalo township, Armstrong county, now living retired, is of German birth, being a native of Kurhessen (Hessen-Cassel), Germany, born July 28, 1835. George and Barbara Truby, his parents, were of the same place. The father was a carpenter by trade.

Coming to America in 1848, the family made the voyage in the sailing vessel "Albert," a three-masted schooner, and were eight weeks on the ocean, landing at Baltimore, Md. They proceeded to Cumberland, Md., and later to Pittsburgh, Pa., by wagon, this journey being made in the winter time. Later they came to Freeport, Armstrong county, and Mr. Truby worked out the first two years. Then he obtained a farm in Butler county, Pa., where he and his wife died. They were members of the Lutheran Church. They had a family of seven children: Elizabeth, who died in Germany; Catherine, who died aged eighty-two years; Rosanna, who died aged thirty years; Eliza, deceased; George, deceased; Christian; and Henry, who served in the Civil war in the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry and was shot in the mouth and jugular vein, being taken to a hospital on Long Island, where he died and was buried.

Christian Truby attended school only two years, in his native land, being obliged to learn English without instruction. However, he has been a great reader in his time, though he has had to give up reading lately because of failing eyesight. As a boy of fifteen he was employed as driver on the Pennsylvania canal, and also worked at home on the farm. For two years he worked on a steamboat. Going to Muskingum county, Ohio, he worked at the trade of stonemason two seasons. Then he returned home and was married to Anna Elizabeth Waishupt. After his marriage Mr. Truby continued to live at home, taking care of his parents until they died, after which he

left Butler county, coming to Freeport and settling on an island for two years. He has worked at the carpenter's trade ever since, and among the houses which he has built is the home on Franklin street in which he has lived since its completion.

Mrs. Truby was born in Hessen-Cassel, Germany, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Waishupt, of that place, where the father died. As they had relatives in Pennsylvania the mother and children came to America, in 1850, and located in Freeport, Pa., where Mrs. Waishupt died. Mrs. Truby is the only one of the family now living. To Mr. and Mrs. Truby have been born children as follows: Lizzie, who is living in Philadelphia, Pa.; Fred, living in Oklahoma; Augustus, at home; Henry, deceased; John, of Butler, Pa., a carpenter and contractor; Catherine, deceased; George Edward, living at home, who is engaged as a tinner and carpenter; Lewis, a carpenter, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles, a barber, of Philadelphia; Emma, living in Philadelphia; Mary, living in Philadelphia; and Samuel G., a street car conductor in Philadelphia.

Mr. Truby has always been a Republican in politics and during the Civil war he was a Union sympathizer. On Sept. 19, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, 67th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, doing considerable guard duty; he was in the battle of Sailor's Creek. He was discharged June 20, 1865, at Washington, D. C. Mr. Truby is a member of Weaver Post, No. 32, G. A. R. When he went to the war he had to leave his wife and five small children, and she ran the farm without other help, though obliged to get in all the grain and put in more for the next season. She also had to market all the produce, take care of the horses and cattle, build fences and get up the wood in the winter. Help could not be hired readily in those times and it was a terrible task for the frail little woman. Mrs. Truby can tell of many hardships experienced in the early days of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Truby are members of the Lutheran Church at Freeport. He was a Sunday school teacher in that church for twenty years. In his earlier years he was a noted singer, and gave singing lessons.

CHRISTIAN YERTY WYANT, late of Washington township, was one of the successful farmer citizens of that section of Armstrong county in his day. He was born in that township Oct. 19, 1834, son of Adam and Sarah (Yerty) Wyant.

Martin Wyant, his grandfather, was from Bedford county, Pa. He and his wife Christina (Bokher) had the following children: Adam, Bartholomew, John, Martin, Henry, Fred, Jacob, Catherine, Julia Ann, Susan, Christina and Elizabeth.

Adam Wyant, father of Christian Y. Wyant, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa. He was twice married, his first union being with Sarah Yerty, by whom he had seven children: Christian Yerty, born Oct. 19, 1834; Martin, born Feb. 29, 1836; Andrew, born in 1839; Archibald, born in 1843; Elizabeth, born in 1845; and Rachel and George, who died in infancy. The only survivor of this family is Elizabeth, who married Harvey Frick. For his second wife Adam Wyant married, on March 25, 1847, Sophia Bowser, who was born May 29, 1828, in Franklin township, Armstrong county, and still lives on the old farm in Washington township. Ten children were born to this marriage, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Mary, March 2, 1848; Delilah, Sept. 23, 1849; Eli, Aug. 9, 1851; Teney, April 13, 1853; Benjamin W., Sept. 4, 1855; Emma, Feb. 4, 1858; Catherine, March 13, 1860; John B. F., Aug. 7, 1863; Margaret, Sept. 4, 1866; and Susanette, June 3, 1869.

Christian Yerty Wyant was a lifelong farmer. Shortly after his marriage he moved onto the tract of 160 acres in Washington township which has ever since been the home of his family. At that time there was only one old log building on the place, but he carried on the work of improvement steadily to the end of his days, converting it into a valuable property, with handsome modern buildings. He took a public-spirited interest in the welfare of the community, and served his fellow citizens as township assessor and overseer of the poor. In political sentiment he was a Republican. His church connection was with the Brethren in Christ. Mr. Wyant died March 24, 1910, aged seventy-five years, five months, five days.

On Feb. 25, 1858, Mr. Wyant married Elizabeth John, who was born Oct. 6, 1834, a half mile from the farm where she now lives in Washington township, daughter of Martin and Mary (Christman) John. Eight children were born to their union: One died in infancy unnamed; Mary Ann, born March 20, 1860, married C. Phillip and resides in Butler county, Pa.; Rosa Elvira, born April 1, 1862, married Cash Cramer, a resident of Oil City, Pa.; Sarah Margaret, born Sept. 4, 1864, died June 4, 1865; Andrew Robert Elmer, born May 20, 1867, is a minister and physician of

Chicago; Adam Martin, born Sept. 15, 1869, is an attorney, located at Greensburg, Pa.; William Whitfield, born May 20, 1873, is a physician of Farrel, Pa.; Florence Bell, born July 15, 1876, a physician of Sharon, Pa., married John Matta.

Martin John, grandfather of Mrs. Christian Y. Wyant, was from Bedford county, Pa. It was he who hewed the logs for and built the Jonas Bowser cabin in Washington township still standing, and illustrated elsewhere in this work. He and his wife Esther had children as follows: John, Peter, Martin, Elizabeth, Esther, Catherine and Christina.

Martin John, son of Martin and Esther, was well known in his section as "Red Martin." He was born in 1797 in Bedford county, and coming to this region with his family passed the rest of his life engaged in farming in what is now Washington township. He was prominent in politics as a member of the Republican party, and took an active part in local affairs, serving as president of the township board when his portion of Washington township was included in Sugar Creek township. He belonged to the Brethren Church. His death occurred in 1856, and his wife Mary (Christman), born in 1799, died in September, 1871, aged seventy-four. They had children: Jacob, who died when one year, nine months old; Christina, who died aged eighteen years; Esther; Ann; Michel; Elizabeth, Mrs. Wyant; Catherine; and Christman.

ALEXANDER B. DEEMER, who carries on farming in Burrell township, Armstrong county, is a native of the county, born July 17, 1849, on his father's farm in Kiskiminetas township, son of Philip Deemer and grandson of Philip Deemer. His great-grandparents came from Germany at an early day and settled in Westmoreland county, near Greensburg.

Philip Deemer, father of Alexander B. Deemer, was born March 20, 1820, in Armstrong county, and died in February, 1904. He married Anna Black, who was born in Armstrong county July 18, 1827, daughter of Alexander Y. Black (his wife was an Eckman), and died in March, 1908. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Deemer, four sons and five daughters: Mary J., Philip A., Alexander B., Sarah, Melissa, Lemuel, John, Miriam and Ellen. Mary J. married David Howell; Philip A. married Mary J. Edwards; Sarah married Israel George; Melissa married Henry Hazlett; Lemuel married Jane Knepshield; John died aged twenty-two, unmarried; Miriam married Sheridan Davidson; Ellen married James Painter.

Alexander B. Deemer is engaged in farming in Burrell township, having a fine farm of eighty-five acres, and raising grain, hay and stock, also doing some gardening. He is one of the substantial and respected citizens of his locality. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church, and in politics is a member of the Republican party.

On June 18, 1874, Mr. Deemer was married to Amanda J. Clark, of Clarion county, Pa., who was born March 13, 1858, daughter of Thomas C. and Leah (Boyer) Clark, and granddaughter of James Clark, a farmer of Clarion county, who lived to a good old age. He was of Scotch descent, his wife of German ancestry. To Mr. and Mrs. Deemer have been born four sons: James I., born Feb. 6, 1875, married Alma Cravener, and they have three daughters, Jennie E., Susanna and Alma I.; William Garfield, born Oct. 15, 1880, married Laura Mansfield, and has two daughters, Leona A. and Olive; Campbell O., born May 1, 1883, married Lizzie Hawk, and they have two daughters, Mary A. and Esther E.; Philip Alexander, born Jan. 17, 1893, died Jan. 24, 1913, married Velma Kerr, and they had one son, Philip Alexander, Jr. There are eight grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander B. Deemer living. Mr. and Mrs. Deemer are members of the Crooked Creek Presbyterian Church in Bethel township. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and of Burrell Grange, No. 515.

JOSEPH W. GLENN, florist and seed dealer of Kittanning, Armstrong county, was born Feb. 10, 1857, in Manor township, this county, where the family has been settled for three quarters of a century.

The Glenns are of Irish extraction. Mr. Glenn's great-grandfather was one of five brothers, natives of the North of Ireland who immigrated to the United States in the early part of the last century, and was a pioneer in Mercer county, Pa. His son Robert Glenn, grandfather of Joseph W. Glenn, was born in Mercer county, where he lived and died, his death occurring when he was fifty-two years old. He was a farmer by occupation. His children were: James, Valentine, Annie, Elizabeth and another whose name is not given.

James Glenn, father of Joseph W. Glenn, was born in Mercer county, and settled in Armstrong county in the latter thirties or

early forties, locating in Manor township, where he engaged in farming. He remained there until his death, which occurred in 1885, when he was ninety-two years old. He was twice married, his first wife, whose maiden name was Kunkle, becoming the mother of two children: Annie, who married James Kelley, and Margaret. For his second wife he married Elizabeth Bruner, a native of Armstrong county, whose father was a pioneer of the county; he was of English descent. To James and Elizabeth (Bruner) Glenn were born seven children: Robert; Annie, now deceased; Jennie, deceased wife of Samuel Densmore; Parks A., deceased; William, living; Joseph W., living; and Sarah, deceased.

Joseph W. Glenn grew to manhood on the homestead in Manor township and was educated in the common schools there. When eighteen years old he began work on his own account, as an employee in the Kittanning Rolling Mills, and he continued in that line until 1884, working at rolling mills in different sections of the country. In 1884 he settled at Wichita, Kans., where he worked on a ranch for three years and then for four years was engaged in market gardening there. In 1891 he returned to Armstrong county, Pa., locating in North Buffalo township, where he began business as a market gardener and florist. He remained there until 1903, when he removed to Kittanning and entered the business he has since carried on, being engaged as a florist and seed dealer at No. 124 Market street. He is a stockholder in the Kittanning Brewing Company and has acted as road salesman for that concern since 1906, his various interests keeping him busy. He is well known in the local fraternal bodies, belonging to the B. P. O. Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles and I. O. H. His religious connection is with the Episcopal Church, and in politics he associates with the Republican party.

On Dec. 13, 1877, Mr. Glenn married Lydia Mitchell, daughter of William and Margaret (Sweitzer) Mitchell, of Juniata county, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT H. WALKER, now living retired, was engaged in farming throughout his active years on the place in Rayburn township, Armstrong county, which he still occupies. He is a native of Allegheny county, Pa., born Feb. 16, 1835, son of James and Jane (Bigham) Walker.

James Walker, the father, was born in Pennsylvania, in either Washington or Allegheny county. Some time after his marriage he moved to Kittanning, Armstrong county, with his family, which then consisted of seven children: Henry (now deceased), Minerva Jane, James (deceased), Robert H., Amanda and Adeline, twins (the latter deceased), and John (deceased). After a residence of five years in Kittanning Mr. Walker located on the place now owned by his son Robert, in 1856, and followed the carpenter's trade in addition to farming. He left that place to live in Bethel township, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying June 3, 1880, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife died, Jan. 24, 1874, at the age of seventy-three. Mr. Walker always belonged to the U. P. Church.

Robert H. Walker came to his present home with his family, and four years later married. In those days the place was entirely unimproved, and was overgrown with underbrush, which added to the hardships of preparing land for cultivation in those days of primitive appliances. Under his father's tuition he learned the carpenter's trade, and the house and barns now on the property are the work of his hands. The tract originally comprised 160 acres, 110 of which are still owned by Mr. Walker. He has made his home there continuously, and throughout his active years carried on general farming successfully, becoming one of the well-to-do farmers of his section. As a citizen he has been useful to the community in various capacities, holding several important local offices. In his political views he has always been a Republican. In church connection he is a Baptist.

On Feb. 16, 1859, Mr. Walker married Elizabeth Lockheart, who was born in Indiana county, Pa., Aug. 19, 1835, daughter of Thomas Lockheart, of that county, who later settled in Boggs (then Valley) township, Armstrong county. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have had the following children: James T., Elmer E., Minerva Jane, Margaret (deceased), John, Robert (deceased), Elizabeth (deceased), Mattie (deceased), Harry White (deceased), William Grant (deceased), Amanda and Carrie.

JAMES HARVEY MINTEER, who has followed farming all his life in West Franklin township, Armstrong county, is a descendant of an old and representative pioneer family of this section.

William and Mary (Nicholson) Minteer, his grandparents, were natives of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish descent, and in 1813 settled in

what is now West Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Pa., purchasing 200 acres of land and settling another 100 acres. They gave their son William, Jr., 150 acres and their son John fifty acres and allowances. Daniel O'Neil purchased fifty acres of what had been settled, leaving John the remaining fifty acres and allowances. William Minteer cleared and improved his place and he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives there, his death occurring Oct. 30, 1851, when he was seventy-three years old, hers June 1, 1851, at the age of sixty-three. This pioneer couple reared a family of twelve children: James; William; Andrew; John; Joseph; Alexander; Mary, who married Matthew Rayburn; Jennie, who married William Smith; Ellen, who married John Smith; Nancy, who married John Milligan; Elizabeth, who married Robert Galbraith; and Margaret, who married Anthony Williams. The son William served in the Mexican war and John and Joseph three years in the Civil war, in the Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry. William Minteer, the father of this family, and Abram Smith built the First Associate church at Slate Lick in 1815; it was a log structure 33 feet square, and they and their families worshipped there for many years, being obliged to walk five or six miles, each way, to attend services.

John Minteer, son of William, was born on the old homestead April 14, 1825, and there spent sixty-seven years of his life, passing the rest of his days at Worthington, where he died Sept. 24, 1900, in his seventy-sixth year. He married Elizabeth Milligan, daughter of Samuel and Mary (McElwee) Milligan, natives of Ireland of Scotch-Irish descent who came to this country and settled in Clearfield township, Butler Co., Pa., in the early days of the development of that section. Mrs. Minteer died in 1902, at the age of seventy-nine years. She and her husband had a family of seven children, four of whom grew to maturity: William, J. Harvey, John (now deceased) and Margaret.

James Harvey Minteer was born on the old Minteer homestead, where he still resides, Oct. 6, 1856, and has passed all his life at that place. He was educated in the local common schools, and has been engaged in farming throughout his active years, now cultivating that portion of the home property which has come into his possession, 130 acres and allowances. He is a successful worker and is counted among the substantial residents of his section.

On Nov. 6, 1874, Mr. Minteer married Ann McMillen, daughter of Oliver D. and Sarah (Witherup) McMillen, of West Franklin township, and they have a family of eight children: Boyd S., Jessie E., Sarah Ellen, Effie R., Ivie, Harvey D., Cora A. and Howard V. Mr. Minteer is a member of the Royal Arcanum. He is independent on political questions.

WILLIAM R. MILLER resides upon a farm in Bethel township, Armstrong county, which has been in the possession of his family for a period of seventy years, he having owned it for the last forty-five years, and his father before him having owned and lived upon the place for twenty-five years. He is one of the substantial and reliable citizens of the township, a man whose upright and industrious life entitles him to the esteem of all who know him. Mr. Miller was born in Cowanshannock, Armstrong county, Jan. 17, 1857, son of Isaac and Sarah (Klingensmith) Miller and grandson of Peter Miller. The grandfather, formerly of Westmoreland county, came to Armstrong county and settled in Kittanning township. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Altman, his second Margaret Turner.

Isaac and Sarah (Klingensmith) Miller, parents of William R. Miller, were both natives of Armstrong county, and they had a family of nine children, four sons and five daughters, five of whom still survive: William R.; Martha, who was twice married, first to George Schaeffer and second to Franklin Kemple; Sarah Alice, who was twice married, first to James McKelvey and second to Charles Beach; John W., who married Rose Hawley; and Calvin Peter, who married Sarah E. Fennell. Isaac Miller, the father, died April 19, 1889; the mother died Dec. 4, 1875.

William R. Miller was reared in Bethel township and received his education in the local schools. His father settled on his present farm in 1867, and made his home there for twenty-five years, and it has been the property of William R. Miller since 1893. He has been engaged in mining, as assistant boss and miner for the Raridan & East Brady Coal Company.

On July 29, 1886, Mr. Miller was married to Ida Fennell, daughter of Isaac and Mary (McElfresh) Fennell, of Armstrong county, and granddaughter of Christopher Fennell, of Butler county, Pa., and of Richard and Catherine (Keibler) McElfresh. They have had three children: Carl, born July 1, 1888, is engaged in school teaching at Logansport; Wylie,

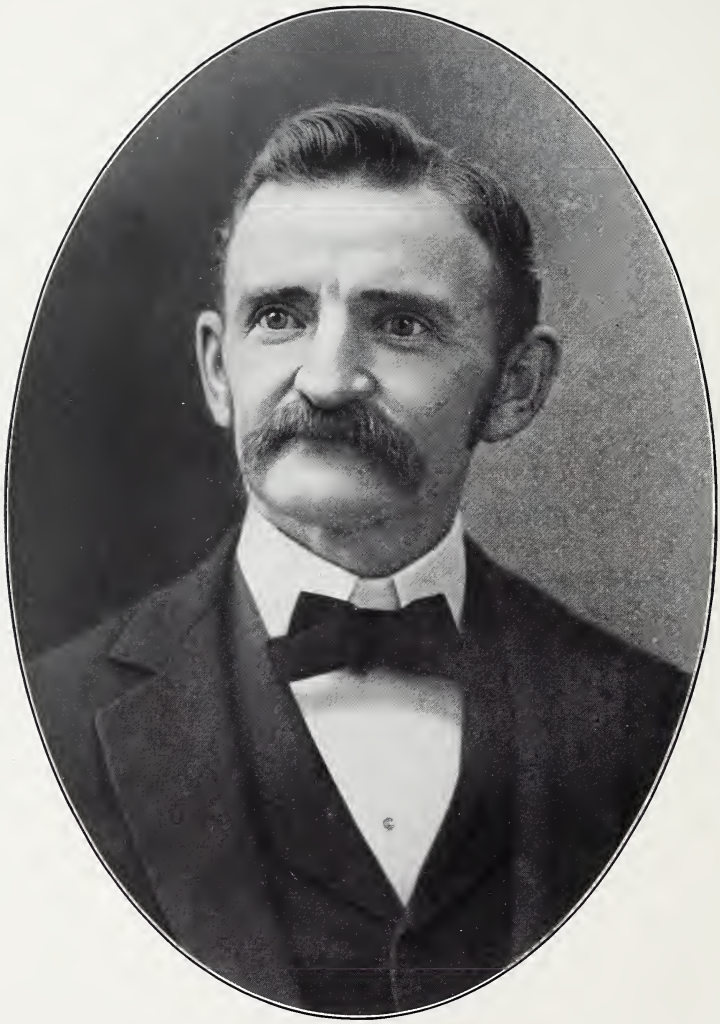
born March 13, 1894, died July 24, 1910; Vernie, born July 28, 1895, is attending high school at Ford City. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Homewood Baptist church. He is a Democrat in politics, and a good citizen, favoring every project for the advancement of the general welfare.

JACOB WOLF was one of the early pioneer settlers of Bethel township, then a part of old Allegheny township. He was born Oct. 10, 1813, at what is now Logansport, and was one of a family of thirteen children, three sons and ten daughters, viz.: Jacob; Elizabeth, Mrs. William Van Dyke; Lydia, Mrs. Hamilton Kelly; Polly, Mrs. Gideon King; Susanna, Mrs. Andrew Jack; Christina, Mrs. John King; Margaret, Mrs. George Kerns; George, married to Margaret Cumsty; Eveline, second wife of Hamilton Kelly; Rachel, Mrs. Samuel Murphy; Harriet, Mrs. Jonathan Painter; Dianna, Mrs. Socrates Dickey; Henry T., married to Mary Weaver. The father of the above named children was George Wolf, who owned and lived upon a farm near Logansport; his first wife was Susanna Williams, who was the mother of the first nine children. After her death he married Mrs. Elizabeth Williard, who was the mother of the last four named. The father of George Wolf was Jacob, who was also the father of about a dozen children; his parents came from Germany away back in Revolutionary times.

Jacob Wolf, the subject of this sketch, was as stated the eldest of the family of George Wolf. He was married March 12, 1835, to Frances Van Dyke, of South Buffalo township, who was born Oct. 11, 1812. The venerable "Squire" Gibson of Freeport performed the marriage ceremony. They became the parents of nine children, six sons and three daughters. Elizabeth, their first child, died in infancy. Susanna married Godfrey Exley, of Clarion county, and died April 8, 1899, Mr. Exley dying about two years previous. William Lee married Miss Mary Montgomery, of Manor township, and died June 14, 1898, leaving his wife and two sons, Edgar Roy, a teacher, and Norman Lee, who usually works in gas fields. Chambers W. married Miss Emma E. Lookabaugh, of Parks township, and died April 8, 1908, leaving his wife and two sons: Harry Lee and J. Clyde (the latter unmarried), both of whom are employed by the Pennsylvania Railway Company, Harry as telegrapher, Clyde as auditor, and reside in New Kensington, Pa.; Harry Lee married Miss Bertha King, now deceased, and afterward married Miss May Davis (they have three children, Nellie, Inez and Lloyd). Mr. and Mrs. Chambers W. Wolf also had one daughter, Warna May, who married Frank Truby, and both are deceased. Hiram G. married Miss Harriet I. Montgomery, of Manor township, and they reside on a part of the Wolf farm near Center Valley; their family consists of Alfred Clyde, a civil engineer; Frances Luella, a teacher; Coral Ethel, married to Artie Freeland Caldwell, a fireman (they have one son, Myron Freeland Caldwell, now eight years old); and Carrie Mabel, a teacher. Labanna Earhart and Austin Van Dyke died of diphtheria in February, 1862, within a few days of each other, aged fifteen and thirteen years, respectively. Frances followed next in line, and then Jacob Oscar (see separate sketch); they reside at the old home.

The parents of Mrs. Frances Wolf were George and Elizabeth (Sipes) Van Dyke, of South Buffalo township, whose family consisted of eight children, three sons and five daughters, namely: Frances; Mary, married to Solomon Wolf; William Van Dyke, who married Elizabeth Wolf; Margaret, who married Stephen Mahaffey; George, who died unmarried; Eliza, who married James Arp; John, who married Harriet Atwood Wilson; and Susanna, who married Andrew Hindman. The ancestors of the Van Dykes came from Holland. William Van Dyke was the grandfather of the children named in this article.

Jacob Wolf, whose name introduces this article, was in his early years a "schoolmaster." Until quite recently there remained standing in what is called Pine Run an old log schoolhouse in which he taught a school of some sixty or seventy young men and women more than seventy years ago. For a number of years this old schoolhouse was used as a dwelling-house; the last person to own and use it as such was Mr. Daniel McElfresh, one of Mr. Wolf's pupils at that time. Pupils then traveled four or five miles to attend school. About seven years after his marriage he purchased and moved to his farm, and built a house upon it, when deer and wild turkey might be had for the taking, and bears, wildcats, etc., prowled in the woods at night. After years of hard labor he succeeded in clearing it of its heavy growth of timber and putting it into a state of cultivation. Later in life he followed boating on the Allegheny river, and was owner of a boat, the "Clipper," for carrying merchandise from Pittsburgh to Oil City and other towns



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along the river. He was one of a committee who banded themselves together to found a church, the Bethel Lutheran, in what is now Bethel township. He lived to see and assist in building in 1880 a second, larger and better, church upon the same ground, selected by that committee.

Politically Mr. Wolf was a Republican from the birth of that party. His first presidential vote was cast for William Henry Harrison, the Whig candidate. He was twice elected justice of the peace and held a number of other offices in old Allegheny township, although the Democrats outnumbered the Republicans two to one. He maintained that it was the duty of every man to vote and he seldom if ever failed to perform that duty. At one time while performing his duty as tax collector he chanced to be in the most remote part of Allegheny township, ten or twelve miles from his home. During the day and night snow fell to the depth of almost three feet. In the morning he started for his home, on horseback. In the afternoon, to relieve his horse, he dismounted, when the horse, taking advantage of the opportunity, succeeded in getting away from him and he was obliged to follow after in the trail on foot. The horse arrived at home several hours in advance of him and caused considerable alarm to his wife and children.

During his early manhood Mr. Wolf was captain of a company of militia, which had stated days for drilling and parade. These days the entire county turned out en masse. It was a sort of holiday, in which all took great interest. After the parade or drill sports of many kinds were indulged in, but woe to any member of the company who became obstreperous while on duty; he was usually kept under guard for the remainder of the day, and sometimes felt the weight of the broadsword about his lower extremities.

Mr. Wolf was a great reader, and up to within a few weeks of his death few men were better posted upon the general topics than was he. A few months before his death occurred the sinking of the "Maine," the news of which caused him much anxiety, and he at once declared it to be an act of treachery on the part of the Spaniards. Then followed the war with Spain, and as long as he could do so he read of its progress. He lived to be the oldest citizen in Bethel township as well as the oldest member of Bethel Church. He died July 4, 1898, aged eighty-six years, and was buried in the family plot in Bethel cemetery, selected by himself at the time of the founding of the church, and by the side of his wife, who died Sept. 6, 1890, aged seventy-eight years.

PROF. J. OSCAR WOLFE, ex-county superintendent of schools, who is known throughout Armstrong county for his services in various capacities in the field of public instruction, is a resident of Bethel township and was born on the farm where he still resides. His parents, Jacob and Frances (Van Dyke) Wolf, had a family of nine children, of which he is the youngest (see sketch of Jacob Wolf). It became the duty of him and his sister Frances to care for their parents in their declining age, and after their death J. O. Wolfe purchased the old home where he and his sister reside.

Mr. Wolfe began his education in the public schools near his home at the age of six years; and continued to attend the public schools during the winter months until he was licensed to teach. During the summer, for a number of years, he supplemented his early instruction with study at a number of select schools and teachers' training schools of Armstrong county. He has studied under Prof. James A. Storey, principal of the Leechburg Select School for teachers; Rev. Leslie E. Hawk, of Slate Lick, principal of the McVill Select School; and Prof. H. T. Duff, principal of the Leechburg Select School for teachers and others, and of the Leechburg Classical and Normal School three terms. The object of this school was to prepare the young men and women attending the institution for the teaching profession and also to qualify all those desiring a higher education to enter the freshman class in any of the colleges, in the State or elsewhere. The faculty consisted of Prof. H. T. Duff, principal; Rev. Dr. D. H. Sloan; Prof. Will Hill; Rev. Mr. Schaeffer; Rev. George Dyess, and others. More than fifty young teachers took advantage of the training department. It is a matter of record that no better work was done by any school in this part of the State, nor better results obtained than was accomplished by the Leechburg Classical and Normal School.

Mr. Wolfe has been engaged in public school work as teacher and in official capacities since 1876. When he received his permanent certificate, in 1888, he was one of thirteen successful members of a class of twenty-five. He has done much efficient work for the cause of public education outside of the schoolroom, his executive ability and well-directed energy in any line which

interests him having long ago received recognition in the profession. In 1891 he was elected by the teachers at the County Institute as one of a committee of five to examine applicants for permanent teachers' certificates. He continued to serve on that committee by election annually for five years, when at the expiration of his term he became a member of the first committee in Armstrong county for the examination of applicants for permanent certificates under the new law, to serve for three years, receiving his appointment from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Nathan C. Schaeffer. On May 2, 1899, he was elected county superintendent of schools, in which office he served two successive terms, having been re-elected May 5th, 1902 (his term expired on the first Monday of June, 1905). During his superintendency he was six times appointed a member of the State board of examiners for normal schools. He has been active and zealous in every line of educational and school work, and his work has been done with an intimate understanding of the needs of the community that makes it particularly valuable.

During his incumbency he attended many educational meetings in different parts of the State, among which were the following: The Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association, which met at Williamsport, Pa.; the Convention of Superintendents and Principals of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio, which met in Pittsburgh, and in which he took an active part; the Butler County Teachers' Institute, and at a later date the Butler County School Directors' Convention, Professor Wolfe delivering addresses on both occasions. At the special request of Deputy State Superintendent Hon. John Q. Steward, Mr. Wolfe attended the Convention of School Directors in York, Pa., and addressed the same. He also attended teachers' institutes in Clarion, Brookville, Franklin, Washington, Pa., and Allegheny county, and many other educational meetings in various parts of western Pennsylvania. Superintendent Wolfe made it a rule, before engaging talent for his institutes, always to know his men personally, if possible, and it is a matter of record, which is very gratifying to him, that his talent was always the best that could be obtained at the time, and that not once in his six years of superintendency did his talent fail to appear on time.

Outside of his school hours Professor Wolfe is interested in farming. Like his father he is a great reader, and he has one of the best libraries in his part of the county.

Mr. Wolfe is associated with the Republican party and is serving at present as committeeman of his township; he served in that capacity for six years previous to taking the county superintendency. He represented his district as a delegate from Bethel Township Republican League to the convention at Scranton, Pa., when Hon. John B. Robinson and Hon. John Dalsell were candidates for the presidency of the Pennsylvania State League.

In 1890 he was engaged in Census work in this locality, receiving the appointment from Hon. George W. Hood, of Indiana. In religious connection he is a Lutheran, adhering to the church of his father, who was one of the four original founders of the Bethel Lutheran Church of Bethel township. He is also connected with the following fraternal organizations: F. & A. M., Leechburg, Pa.; White Rock Lodge, I. O. O. F., Center Valley, Pa., and Kittanning Encampment, I. O. O. F.; the Jr. O. U. A. M., Center Valley; and the Masonic Consistory at Coudersport, Pa. (thirty-second degree).

JOHN R. BARNHART, of Worthington, Armstrong county, has been engaged in the blacksmith business in West Franklin township for the last twenty years, having had a shop at Craigsville for ten years before he came to Worthington, in 1902. He is serving his second term as justice of the peace of that borough, and is one of its most respected citizens.

Mr. Barnhart was born in Washington township, this county, Feb. 25, 1869, son of William G. and Margaret Ann (Whitehead) Barnhart, the father a native of Allegheny county, Pa., who settled in Washington township in 1855. He followed boating until after the breaking out of the Civil war, in which he enlisted, Sept. 17, 1862, becoming a member of Company M, 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, for a term of three years or during the war. He was honorably discharged at Alexandria, Va., by reason of expiration of his term, May 13, 1865. After his return home he engaged in farming in Washington township until 1884, when he removed to Butler county, Pa. He lived there for five years, in 1889 settling in Sugar Creek township, Armstrong county, and a year later in Westmoreland county, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying Dec. 15, 1905, in his eighty-first year. He married Margaret Ann Whitehead, a native of Armstrong county, whose father, Daniel Whitehead, was an early settler

in Armstrong county, and for many years was engaged in the hotel business above Kittanning. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart, nine reaching maturity: James; Daniel; William H.; George; Charles; Clarinda, wife of Lewis McDonald; John R.; Harvey, and Warren Wesley.

John R. Barnhart was reared in Armstrong county and moved with his parents to Butler county. He received a common school education, and began his apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade with his brother Charles, in 1889, finishing with S. P. Yockey, of Sugar Creek township, this county. In 1892 he embarked in business for himself, at Craigsville, in West Franklin township, where he remained for ten years, in 1902 coming to Worthington, where he has since been established. He has a thriving custom, and is a substantial citizen, one who holds the confidence of his fellow men by his integrity of purpose and honorable methods in all his transactions. In 1903 he was elected justice of the peace, to which office he was reelected in 1908, and again in 1913. In politics he is a Republican. He holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, and is well known in the fraternal organizations, belonging to Craigsville Lodge, No. 836, I. O. O. F., the Royal Arcanum, the I. O. of A., the P. O. S. of A. and the Ridgeley Protective Association.

In 1892 Mr. Barnhart married Anna B. Welton, daughter of Samuel D. and Priscilla (Dible) Welton, of West Franklin township, and of the children born to this union three are living: Edith, Margaret and Anabel. The mother died in 1904, and in 1906 Mr. Barnhart married (second) Sidney Campbell, daughter of Amos and Anna M. Campbell, of Sugar Creek township.

Warren Wesley Barnhart, youngest son of William G. and Margaret Ann (Whitehead) Barnhart, is also in the blacksmith business at Worthington. He was born at Sherrett, in Washington township, this county, Aug. 7, 1878, and grew up in Washington and Butler counties, receiving a public school education. He learned the blacksmith's trade as an apprenticeship in the shop of his older brother, John R. Barnhart, beginning in 1894. During the Spanish-American war he enlisted at Kittanning, Sept. 26, 1899, becoming a member of Company G, 45th United States Volunteers and saw service in the Philippine Islands. He was honorably discharged at San Francisco, Cal., May 30, 1901, and since his return home has worked continuously at his trade. He has followed the business in various parts of Pennsylvania, and for a time was in partnership with his brother John at Worthington, where he located permanently in 1908. He is an industrious and intelligent tradesman, and has built up a good business, his reliable work and satisfactory services winning and holding trade. He is a member of the Independent Order of Americans and P. O. S. of A. In politics he has been connected with the Republican party.

On Feb. 13, 1902, Mr. Barnhart married Margaret F. Welton, daughter of Samuel D. and Priscilla (Dible) Welton, of West Franklin township, and of the children born to this union two survive: Samuel R. and Lola Belle. Mrs. Barnhart died June 30, 1912.

DANIEL MICHAEL SHAKLEY, of Perry township, Armstrong county, where he has been engaged in farming for almost half a century and has been a useful and respected citizen, was born July 24, 1841, in Fairview township, Butler Co., Pa., son of Henry and Margaret (Smith) Shakley.

Mr. Shakley's great-grandparents were the first of the family in this country. Coming from Ireland, they first settled near Fredericksburg, Va., thence coming to Perry township, Armstrong Co., Pa., in pioneer days, and settling on a farm of 160 acres which is still owned by their descendants. Henry Shakley, their son, was born in Virginia, and coming to Pennsylvania with his parents spent his life on the home farm, which he helped to clear and improve. He died there. He married Elizabeth Altman, and their children were: Polly, who married Jacob Byers; Susan, who married David Barnhart at Chicora, Butler county in 1840; Elizabeth, who married John Doubinseck of Parker township, Butler county, in 1841; Michael; Henry; John; George, and David.

Henry Shakley, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Altman) Shakley, was born Aug. 11, 1812, on the old homestead farm in Perry township, Armstrong county. After attaining his majority he purchased a farm of one hundred acres in Fairview township, Butler Co., Pa., cleared and improved the place and continued to reside there until 1874, in which year he sold out and returned to Armstrong county. Purchasing a farm of thirty acres in Sugar Creek township, this county, he passed the remainder of his life on that place, dying in 1886, in his seventy-fifth year. He married Margaret Smith, a native of Clarion county, Pa., and they reared a family of ten children, namely: Lizzie, who married James B. Steele; John;

David M.; Mary, who married Webster Barnhart; Rebecca Jane, who married Asa Knight; Hannah, who married David Cohler, of Clarion county; Susan, who married William McCormick; Nancy, who married A. S. Spence; Sarah, who married Gyllam Morgan; and Daniel Michael.

Daniel Michael Shakley was reared to manhood on his father's farm in Fairview township, Butler county, and received such educational advantages as the local common schools afforded. He served as a Union soldier during the Civil war, enlisting Aug. 6, 1862, for nine months, in Company G, 134th Pa. V. I., took part in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg in June, 1863, having served ten months; he received no pay for his extra service. In the spring of 1864 he located in Perry township and engaged in farming, in 1874 purchasing the farm of eighty-five acres there upon which he has since made his home. He subsequently purchased one hundred acres adjoining, and has a valuable property, which he has increased and improved by intelligent cultivation and wise management. Mr. Shakley has taken a good citizen's interest in the public welfare, and has served his township as supervisor, school director and overseer of the poor. He is a Republican in political connection.

On April 25, 1865, Mr. Shakley was married to Biddy J. White, daughter of David and Jane (Foster) White, of Perry township, and granddaughter of William and Rosanna White, natives of Ireland who came to the United States in 1791 and settled in Perry township among the pioneers. Seven children have been born to this marriage: William H., David W., Abner C., Eleanor F., Albert F., Margaret (wife of John Shoup) and Milton P. Mr. and Mrs. Shakley are members of the Presbyterian Church at Bruin, Pennsylvania.

J. W. CAMPBELL, M. D., of Elderton, Armstrong county, associated in professional practice with Dr. C. E. Keeler, is one of the progressive young physicians of his locality and has already gained a creditable position among his fellow citizens. He was born Jan. 1, 1884, at Atwood, Armstrong county, son of Andrew and Emma (Dull) Campbell, and on the paternal side is of Scotch-Irish descent. His grandfather and father were both natives of Armstrong county.

Andrew Campbell was a farmer in early life, but later became engaged as a builder. He retired from active work in 1912, and is living at Atwood. During the Civil war he served on the Union side in Company B, 139th Pennsylvania Volunteer, under General Sheridan, enlisting Feb. 24, 1864, and receiving his discharge June 27, 1865. He took part in the battles of Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, Petersburg, Richmond, and in the fighting just preceding Lee's surrender, at which he was present. Mr. Campbell married Emma Dull, daughter of David and Harriet (Adams) Dull, both of whom were of Pennsylvania stock; the Dulls are of Holland extraction. Nine children were born to this marriage, five sons and four daughters, namely: Ida is married to Robert Peterman, a farmer of Five Points, Indiana Co., Pa., and they have three children, two sons and one daughter; Jay, who is engaged as a builder, married Bertie Peterson, of Glassport, Allegheny county, where they live; Harry, a salesman, living at Erie, Pa., married Rosie Hart, and they have one son and one daughter; Doratha married Everett George, of Greenoak, Armstrong county, and they have one child, a son; J. W. is mentioned below; Minnie married Walter Hall, of Vandergrift, Pa., and they have two children, one son and one daughter; Arlie, a farmer, of Plum Creek township, married Grace Penrod, and they have one son; Glenn is unmarried; Alice is the wife of Harry Seger, a farmer at Atwood.

J. W. Campbell received his preparatory education at the Elderton Academy, from which he was graduated in 1904. He took his medical course at Baltimore Medical College, which later became a part of the University of Maryland, graduating in 1909, since when he has been in practice at Elderton. Dr. Campbell attends the Presbyterian Church.

GEORGE HENRY BURNS, real estate and insurance dealer of Kittanning, was born July 12, 1873, in Clarion county, Pa., son of James B. and Sarah E. (Riley) Burns.

James B. Burns, who was a farmer, died in 1884, when only thirty-two years old. His widow survived until May 22, 1911. They were the parents of seven children: Blanche, who resides with her brother George H.; Belle, wife of James P. Collins, of Wheeling, W. Va.; George H.; and four who died young. The parents were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

George H. Burns was educated in the public schools of his neighborhood, and at the Clarion State Normal School, completing his studies in 1900. For a few years Mr. Burns acted as clerk in a general merchandise store

in his home county, and then became a traveling salesman for a year. In 1899 he settled at Kittanning, where he embarked in a general realty and insurance business, and has developed into one of Armstrong county's most prosperous business men. He represents the most reliable life and fire insurance companies, for a number of years being general agent for the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company, for which concern he has written up a large amount of business. Mr. Burns was the pioneer in handling business for this company in Armstrong county, his own reliability and standing giving weight to the transactions. He buys and sells real estate, and has charge of the renting of some of the most desirable property in Kittanning. His standing in his line of business has been substantially recognized by his associates in his choice as president of the Pennsylvania State Association of Local Fire Agents, and for seven years he has been sent as delegate to the national conventions of local fire agents. While a resident of Wickboro Mr. Burns served one term as councilman of the borough.

In July, 1896, Mr Burns was married to Elva Grace Goodwin, daughter of Henry M., and Mary Jane Goodwin, formerly of Warren County, Pa., but for some years residing at Tylersburg, Clarion County, Pa. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Burns: Ethel Bernice, George H., Jr., and Almeda Grace. Mr. Burns and his family belong to the Presbyterian Church.

THOMPSON C. WOLFE, of Bethel township, Armstrong county, is a thrifty farmer and respected citizen of that section. He was born Sept. 24, 1860, in what is now Bethel township, son of Samuel B. and Maria (Wareham) Wolfe. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Wolfe, was of German extraction; his maternal grandparents, Peter and Susanna Wareham, were of Scotch and German origin respectively.

Samuel Wolfe was born in Armstrong county, July 26, 1825, and died March 5, 1907; his wife, born Feb. 22, 1830, died in November, 1901. They were the parents of six sons and two daughters, of which family five sons survive, the daughters and son Silas being deceased.

Thompson C. Wolfe attended common school in his township, and worked on his father's farm until of age. For years he has been engaged in threshing, traveling over the country at first with his father and others, having begun in the days when horsepower was used and changing to steampower when that became practicable. He owns the ninety acres in Bethel township where he resides, all of which is under cultivation, his principal crops being grain; he also raises some stock.

On Jan. 5, 1908, Thompson C. Wolfe married Elizabeth Magdalene Darbaker, who was born on the farm where she now resides. There are no children by this union. Mrs. Wolfe is a daughter of Jacob and Harriet (Kinnard) Darbaker, and granddaughter of Isaac and Mary Ann (Helfrich) Kinnard, of Armstrong county, who were pioneers of Burrell township and members of St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Jacob Wolfe enlisted in Armstrong county for service in the Civil war, was a private in an infantry regiment, and died in Virginia while in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe are members of Bethel Lutheran Church. Some twelve years ago he was made a member of the Knights of the Maccabees at Natrona, Pa. In politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM A. SCHRECENGOST, a prominent farmer citizen of Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, was born there Sept. 3, 1843, son of William T. and Mary Ellen (Baum) Schrecengost, both also natives of Armstrong county. The family is of German origin, the first of his ancestors to come to America, Jacob (known as Yock) Schrecengost, having been a native of Germany. According to family accounts he was a mighty hunter, and being caught trespassing on the hunting grounds of a great lord was warned against repeating the offense. But he was caught a second time, and to make matters worse shot one of the lord's dogs. He was sent for at once, but managed to escape and came to America, settling in eastern Pennsylvania. Report says he hired his son George out to a ship captain for nine years to pay the passage of the family to this country, being obliged to abandon all his possessions when he fled, and there is a tradition in the family that there is a large fortune in the old country never claimed by the Schrecengost heirs.

Conrad (or Coonrod) Schrecengost, Sr., son of Jacob, also a native of Germany, was the great-grandfather of William A. Schrecengost. He came early to America, with his father, and lived for some time in Berks county, Pa., removing west to what is now Armstrong county in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He purchased land in

Kittanning (what is now Valley) township, and not only followed agricultural pursuits, but also mechanical work, being a gunsmith by trade. He could use a gun as well as make one and was a noted hunter in his day. His death occurred at his homestead. He was a Federalist in politics and in religious belief a Lutheran, being a member of the church. His wife, formerly a Miss Zortman, was like himself a native of Germany. Of their ten children, seven sons and three daughters, the sons being John, Daniel, Peter, Conrad, Jr. (who married Susanna Oury), Martin, Benjamin and Christopher. There is no account of the daughters.

John Schrecengost, son of Conrad, Sr., was known as "Gentleman John" because he always wore good clothing. He was born in Kittanning township Sept. 27, 1792, and followed farming all his life, clearing and improving the farm now occupied by his grandson William A., in Cowanshannock township. He was also a blacksmith and gunsmith, and has the record of making the first plow manufactured in Armstrong county. He died on the farm mentioned Feb. 27, 1859. His wife, Sarah (Turney), daughter of Peter Turney, a pioneer settler of the county, died March 14, 1870, aged eighty-one years, two months, fourteen days. Their children were: Catherine, who married John T. Patterson; William T.; Michael T.; Sarah, who married John Bittinger; John, Jr., and Lavina, who married John Hetrick.

William T. Schrecengost was born May 14, 1818, on the homestead, where he was reared, helping to clear the land. He lived and died there, passing away Oct. 11, 1908, at the home of his son William, in his ninety-first year. All his life he followed farming, and he was at one time a large landowner in Cowanshannock township. He was married three times, his first wife being Mary Ellen Baum, who was born April 9, 1825, in Westmoreland county, and died Jan. 20, 1863. Children as follows were born to them: Sarah (wife of Philip Howk), Reuben, Hannah, Delia, William A. and James J., twins, Frederick, Albert, Levina, Mary and Daniel. His second marriage was to the widow of his brother Michael, and by this union there were two children, Ulysses and Anna. For his third wife he married Mrs. Adeline (Sisson) Brown, who was born May 13, 1830, and died June 3, 1906. They had three children, Della, Sheridan and Kate. Two of Mr. Schrecengost's sons, Reuben and Frederick, met sudden death together, being killed by lightning on the old homestead place while engaged in shocking wheat. Reuben married Eva Cogley, and his surviving children are Jacob, Ida and William.

William A. Schrecengost has owned the old homestetd of 200 acres in Cowanshannock township since 1892. Farming has always been his occupation, and he is one of the most substantial residents of his section, where his reliability and worth are recognized by the whole community.

In 1878 Mr. Schrecengost married Mary Brown, daughter of William and Adeline (Sisson) Brown, of Cowanshannock township, and they have three children, Albert J., William B. and Nancy Ellen. Albert J. married Ida Donahue, and they have two children, Harold and Alice.

JOHN DINGER, a retired farmer, of Oak Ridge, Armstrong county, was born in Red Bank township, this county, May 10, 1844. He is a representative type of those farmers whose steadfastness and energy have done much to make agriculture profitable and worthy.

Michael Dinger, his grandfather, was born in the State of Pennsylvania, and was of German descent. He was one of the first settlers in Red Bank township, where he owned and operated a large tract of land which he cleared for a homestead. This was divided at his death among his children, and his grandson John now owns 106 acres of this tract. Michael Dinger married a Miss Ferringer, and their children were: David, John, Emanuel, Michael, Amos, Eli, William, Jonathan, and Barbara (who married Samuel Shick).

John Dinger, son of Michael, was a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., coming to Armstrong county with his parents. He took up farming and always followed that pursuit, living on a part of the old homestead of his father—a tract of fifty-three acres. Later in life he moved to Oak Ridge, and his death occurred there in 1901, at the home of his son John, when he was eighty-three years of age. He married Sarah Baughman, daughter of Lawrence Baughman, who was a carpenter of Clarion county, near Shannondale. He also followed farming to some extent. Mrs. Dinger died in 1897, at the age of seventy-seven. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dinger, of whom six grew to maturity: Catherine, who married George Holobaugh; John; Sarah, who married Amos Hinderliter; William H.; Wilhelmina, who married John

Reinard; and Lucretia, who married Lewis Scott.

John Dinger was brought up on the farm and received such education in the public schools as was usual for boys of his day. He remained on the home farm until he reached the age of eighteen. The farmhouse was built of logs, with a clapboard roof. During the severe winters snow was blown under the loose clapboards into the bedrooms, covering the floors and beds as much as two inches at a time. In the morning the boys would jump barefooted from their warm feather bed into the snow on the floor. Shaking the cold crystals from stockings, shoes and trousers they hurried downstairs to the blazing fire of wood in the great fireplace. Until his twenty-sixth year John Dinger had never experienced a day of illness. On Aug. 25, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, and became a member of Company A, 78th P. V. I. He saw service at the battles of Stone River, Resaca, Buzzard's Roost, Dutch Gap, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, and various minor engagements, and he was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tenn., June 28, 1865. On his return home he took up farmng which he followed up to 1892, that year moving to Oak Ridge, where he was employed by the Oak Ridge Mining Company for twelve years, after which he retired.

On Jan. 3, 1867, Mr. Dinger married Elizabeth, daughter of John and Molly (Holben) Hendricks, of Red Bank township, and they have nine children now living, as follows: Cora, wife of W. L. Patterson; William F., married to Lila Buffington; Idella, wife of Edward Mills; Bird D.; Melvin A.; John C., married to Gertrude Dunsmore; Ralph L., married to Gertrude Fetler; Joseph E., married to Mary McDonald; and Harry E., married to Lillian Swope. Mr. Dinger is an attendant and supporter of the M. E. Church. He is a member of the G. A. R. post at New Bethlehem, and in politics is a Republican. Mr. Dinger has always shown a lively interest in the affairs of his locality and has held several local offices in Red Bank township, serving with great efficiency. He is well and favorably known by all who have had dealings with him.

GEORGE R. WOODSIDE, who has a farm near Brick Church, in Burrell township, Armstrong county, where he has resided for almost half a century, is a native of Jefferson county, Pa., born Aug. 9, 1860.

Nathan Woodside, his father, was born in Armstrong county, son of William Woodside, of Dauphin county, Pa., who married before he came to Armstrong county. He was a farmer, and lived to a ripe old age. He and his wife and family were members of the Lutheran Church. Nathan Woodside married Rebecca Sheesley, and they had a family of five children, three sons and two daughters, namely: Sophia Ellen married John Knell, and they now reside at Leechburg, Armstrong county (they have a family of seven children); Nancy died unmarried; William L. is a farmer in Burrell township; George R. is mentioned below; Daniel, who is a farmer in Westmoreland county, Pa., married Mary Nooma, and has two children, one son and one daughter.

George R. Woodside was three years old when brought to his present home in Burrell township, Armstrong county, where he has lived since 1864. His property consists of sixty-three acres, most of which is under cultivation, Mr. Woodside raising grain, hay and stock. He has been an enterprising and progressive worker, and his intelligent management of his own affairs has led to his selection for public trust, his fellow citizens having chosen him to the position of township auditor, which he held for two terms. He is a Democrat in his political relations. He and his family are Lutherans, attending St. Michael's, the Brick Church.

On Oct. 28, 1886, Mr. Woodside married Laura Swank, of Plum Creek township, daughter of Daniel and Lavina (Loehr) Swank, and they have children as follows: Ella Pearl, born Sept. 25, 1887, wife of Ward Lookabaugh; Ida Leonia, born Sept. 24, 1889, who is married to Albert Thomas, of Burrell township, a farmer, and has two children, Charles Edgar and George J.; Vivian Agnes, born Jan. 17, 1892, who is at home; Lavina Helen, born Nov. 11, 1894; Hazel Vesta, born June 1, 1898; and Glenn Rugh, born Dec. 12, 1902.

JOHN W. ASHBAUGH, of Kittanning, has been baggagemaster on the Pennsylvania railroad for over thirty years, and an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company since he was a youth of twenty. Mr. Ashbaugh was born Oct. 21, 1858, on his father's farm in Burrell township (now Lower Burrell township), Westmoreland Co., Pa., just across the Armstrong county line.

William Ashbaugh, his grandfather, was a farmer, owning a large tract of land in Burrell township, Westmoreland county, where his death occurred. He was accidentally killed by a falling limb, while felling trees. In religion he was a Lutheran, as was also his wife, Mary (Shearer). They had a large family, among whom were: John, Henry, Lewis, Margaret (who married Daniel Baer), Caroline (who married Daniel Spiker) and William.

John Ashbaugh, father of John W. Ashbaugh, was born Sept. 9, 1823, near Leechburg, Armstrong county, and there reared. Most of his life was spent in that region, for his farm in Lower Burrell township, Westmoreland county, was just across the Armstrong county line. In his young manhood he was engaged in school teaching, following that calling for several years, first in Burrell township, Westmoreland county, and afterward in various townships in this region. Log school houses prevailed in those days, and he had the usual experiences of the early educator in his section. While teaching in winter he engaged in farming during the summer, and eventually devoted all his time to agricultural work, living on the place in Lower Burrell township now occupied by his daughter Mrs. Harry McGinnis. In early life a Lutheran, Mr. Ashbaugh afterward became associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in whose communion he lived and died. He was an active Christian worker, and organized the first Sunday school in his neighborhood, that of the Bethel M. E. Church. Politically he was a Republican, but though interested in the success of his party took no active part in politics and never desired office. Mr. Ashbaugh was struck by lightning in the orchard at his home Aug. 27, 1900, being killed instantly. His funeral was one of the largest ever seen in his county, the many who turned out to pay the last tribute of respect testifying to the loving esteem in which this good man was universally held. The following sentences are quoted from his admiring pastor, who preached his funeral sermon: "He was respected as a true man. He lived not for himself but for others. He was a broad man, and ever given to charity. His knowledge of the Bible was most wonderful, in breadth and accuracy. He was a mighty man in prayer. He believed in prayer, and when he asked he knew he received. He organized the first Sunday school in all his region of country fifty years prior to his death. . . . He loved to minister to those in distress and the poor man never left his door hungry. He lived to advance the very best interests of morality and true righteousness. . . . He left behind him a wife whose love, wisdom and cheer have cast much sunshine and many flowers along the way. To those of us who knew him in the strength of his manhood, when we were younger, his life seemed most beautiful. We planted him away in the old cemetery at Bethel, and though we say he is dead, yet he liveth and always will live in our hearts and lives."

In 1850 Mr. Ashbaugh married Rebecca Morrison, a native of Westmoreland county, and they lived to celebrate their golden wedding. Mrs. Ashbaugh survived her husband several years, passing away on the old homestead Jan. 24, 1908, at the age of seventy-nine years. They are buried in Bethel cemetery. The following children were born to this couple: James M. married Anna Van Horn, of New Florence, Westmoreland county, and they reside at Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Mary Elizabeth married Joseph M. Rowe, of Leechburg, and they reside at Braeburn, Westmoreland county; Rebecca is the wife of Harry McGinnis and they live on the old Ashbaugh homestead in Lower Burrell township, Westmoreland county; John W. is mentioned below; Ella died when eight years old.

Mrs. Ashbaugh came of pioneer stock of Westmoreland county, where her father, James Morrison, lived and died, in Burrell township. He and his wife Mary had a large family, among them being: Eliza, who never married; Rebecca, Mrs. John Ashbaugh; Jane, who married Lewis Ashbaugh, brother of her sister Rebecca's husband; Matilda, who married John Baxter, now residing in Westmoreland county; Sophia, who married William Ross and lived near Butler, Pa.; Kate, who married; James, who married Caroline Fisher; and Thomas, who was a soldier in the Civil war.

John W. Ashbaugh received a common school education, attending at the Yetter schoolhouse. He continued at school until twenty years old, meantime also assisting his father with the farm work, and then started to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. After firing for six months he became a brakeman, first on freight trains and then on passenger trains, and after four years of such service was promoted to baggagemaster in 1881. He ran between Pittsburgh and Oil City and now has the run between Pittsburgh and Kittanning. After his marriage he set-

tled at Braeburn for a time, then moved to Oil City and later to Emlenton and for the last nineteen years has been a resident of Kittanning, where he has his home at No. 888 North Grant Avenue. He is a member of the Heptasophs, Kittanning Conclave, No. 186, and a Republican in politics, but not active in the party. His religious connection is with the Kittanning Methodist Protestant Church, which he has served five years in the capacity of steward.

On Nov. 15, 1881, Mr. Ashbaugh married Carrie H. Starr, who was born on a farm in Armstrong county, where Ford City now stands, daughter of Andrew B. and Eliza (Wolfe) Starr, old settlers of Pine Creek Furnace and for a number of years residents of Ford City. Mr. Starr hauled the first load of brick used for construction purposes in what is now Ford City. He was born Jan. 10, 1825, and died at Echo, Pa.; by occupation he was a farmer. On April 15, 1847, he was married by Rev. J. Johnston, to Eliza Wolfe, like himself a native of Armstrong county, who was born March 5, 1827; and to this union were born children as follows: Margaret J., Hester A., David R., Maria E., John W., William J., Mary, E. Andrew W., Caroline H., Catherine S., Samuel H. M., Chambers W. Orr, Harvey H., Josephus G. and Ellen (who died in infancy). The mother died Aug. 5, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Starr were members of the Baptist Church, and in politics he was a Democrat but not active in the party, never seeking or desiring office.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashbaugh have had one son, Harry P., born April 5, 1884, at Braeburn, Westmoreland county, who received his education in the schools of Oil City and Kittanning, graduating from the Kittanning Academy. He is now engaged as locomotive engineer in the Pennsylvania railroad, running between Pittsburgh and Kittanning. He married Celia Adams, daughter of William Adams, and they make their home in Kittanning; they have three children: Velma Lenor, born July 6, 1904; Marie Othella, born Nov. 29, 1906; and John William, born Dec. 9, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Ashbaugh are members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Mrs. John W. Ashbaugh is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, and socially belongs to the Lenape Camp, Royal Neighbors of America, the ladies' auxiliary of the Woodmen.

EZRA L. DOVERSPIKE, a successful farmer of Mahoning township, Armstrong county, belongs to one of the first settled families of that section, his paternal grandfather, John T. Doverspike, having settled in what is now Mahoning township in the year 1816. He purchased 240 acres of land, part of which is the farm now owned and occupied by his grandson Ezra L. Doverspike. He married Katie Knight, and to them was born a family of six children, four sons and two daughters: Daniel married Peggie Beck; Christena married John Colhup; George married Sarah Gumbert; John married Margaret McCullough; Katie married Peter Smith; Louis married Lavina Gumbert.

George Doverspike, father of Ezra L. Doverspike, was born on the original family homestead, where Clarence Gould now lives, and was reared there. He succeeded to that part of his father's land now owned and occupied by his son Ezra, and made his home thereon until his death, which occurred Aug. 2, 1888. He married Sarah Gumbert, daughter of William Gumbert, a pioneer of Armstrong county, and they became the parents of fifteen children, seven sons and eight daughters: Elizabeth, who married Z. H. Nolf; Teamie, who married A. G. Kells; Hannah and Emanuel, twins, the former of whom married R. H. Nolf, the latter Lauretta Miller; David, who died Feb. 24, 1875; Sarah, who married Sylvester Grinder; Millie, unmarried; Mary, who married Amos Bittinger; William, who married Mary Neal; Ternie, who married Levina Daughenbaugh; Boyd, who married Ella Smith; Ezra L.; Maggie, who married John Cunningham; Wesley, who married Emma Ferguson; and Dessie, who died when quite young.

Ezra L. Doverspike was born Aug. 18, 1864, on the farm in Mahoning township where he now resides, and during his youth attended the common schools in the neighborhood. He has always followed farming, cultivating the old homestead and now owning the 100 acres cleared and improved by his father. He is a worthy member of a family which has been highly esteemed in the township for several generations.

On Jan. 4, 1894, Mr. Doverspike married Mattie J. Procious, daughter of William and Catherine (Gearhart) Procious, and sister of Edward G. Procious, whose sketch will be found elsewhere in this work. Her father settled in Mahoning township in 1840, purchasing 105 acres of land then in the wilderness, and which he converted by his industry into a valuable farm. Mr. and Mrs. Doverspike have had three children, only one of whom

survives, Violet Catherine. They are members of the M. E. Church at Putneyville. In political matters he is a Democrat.

OLIVER W. RIGGLE, who carries on farming in Burrell township, Armstrong county, was born in that township Jan. 10, 1864, son of George and Hannah (Turney) Riggle.

George Riggle and his wife were both from Westmoreland county, this State, and both were of German descent. They had a family of eleven children: John, who is a farmer of Burrell township, has had four children, two of whom survive; Leah is unmarried and lives on the old farm; Margaret, who died in the spring of 1912, was the wife of David Riffer and left four children; Philip, a farmer of Burrell township, has a family of eight children; George (deceased) is survived by one son; Albert, a farmer of Burrell township, has seven children; James, a farmer of Burrell township, married Mary Speer, and six of their children are living; David is a farmer in Westmoreland county; Daniel, of Parks township, Armstrong county, has four children; Jacob P., a farmer of Burrell township, has three children; Oliver W. completes the family.

Oliver W. Riggle attended the country schools, obtaining a good fundamental education. He follows farming, having a good place of 104 acres in Burrell township, and is a highly respected member of his community. On March 2, 1892, he was married to Kitty Heilman, one of the five children of William and Hannah (Speer) Heilman who live in Manor township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Riggle have had ten children, namely: Margie, born Jan. 7, 1893; Owen, Oct. 8, 1894; Nellie, Jan. 27, 1896; Ralph, Feb. 8, 1898; Irma, Jan. 8, 1900; Florence, April 24, 1902; Ira, July 15, 1904; Mary, Jan. 7, 1909; and Glen and George, twins, April 17, 1911 (George is deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Riggle and their family are members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Riggle is a Democrat in his political views.

Mrs. Riggle is a direct descendant of Peter and Elizabeth (Harter) Heilman, who settled in Kittanning township in 1795-96, their son Solomon, who married Hannah Yount, being her great grandfather. Her grandparents were Jacob and Catherine (Iseman) Heilman. A complete history of the Heilman family will be found elsewhere in this work.

EDWARD S. WALKER, a lifelong resident of Bethel township, Armstrong county, where he is profitably engaged in general farming, was born there Jan. 16, 1866, son of Samuel and Sarah (Guthrie) Walker, both of whom are now deceased.

Samuel Walker, formerly of Burrell township, this county, was born in that township in June, 1823, moved to the farm in Bethel township now occupied by his son Edward in 1850, and there passed the remainder of his life, dying Aug. 28, 1889. He married Sarah Guthrie, of Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, who was born in April, 1829, of Irish descent, and of the children born to their union two sons and two daughters died young; James B. was born Sept. 30, 1869; Martha married William McCorkell, who died in 1889, and she is now living with her brother on the home farm (she has no children). The mother of this family died May 11, 1905.

Edward S. Walker was reared on the homestead in Bethel township and received his education in the public schools of the locality. He has been engaged in farming throughout his active years, and has done well, his industrious habits and good management bringing him deserved prosperity. He is well thought of by his neighbors, and has been chosen to serve as supervisor of his township, which office he has filled for five years. He is a member of White Rock Lodge, No. 979, I O. O. F., and in religious connection he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church at Crooked Creek.

On Sept. 5, 1906, Mr. Walker married Rosa Shearer, of Bethel township, daughter of Samuel J. and Alice (Davis) Shearer, and they have had two children: Sarah Ruth, born June 6, 1909, and Alice Vera, born Aug. 13, 1911.

WILLIAM MOORE, farmer and stock raiser of Boggs township, Armstrong county, has lived in this county since the spring of 1857 and is one of the most respected citizens of his section. He was born in Ireland in 1836, son of Charles and Jane (Hays) Moore, and grandson of Matthew and Elizabeth (Stewart) Moore, who had seven children, two sons and five daughters.

To Charles and Jane (Hays) Moore were born the following children: Elizabeth, Mrs. Parks; Gracie, Mrs. Moses Park, who remained in Ireland; Matthew, mentioned elsewhere in this work; John; Rebecca; Ann Jane, Mrs. Stien; William; Sarah, Mrs. Mickelwain; Sarah; and Charles; of whom William, Charles and John still (1913) sur-

vive. Matthew, Rebecca and Ann Jane were the first of the family to leave Ireland, coming to America and settling in Lancaster county, Pa. In 1851 the rest of the family except Gracie followed. Charles and Jane (Hays) Moore spent their last days in Armstrong county, Pa., with their children, he dying at the great age of ninety-nine years. Mrs. Moore died at the age of seventy. Her parents, John and Gracie (McClure) Hays, lived and died in Ireland; their family consisted of four sons and two daughters.

William Moore came to Armstrong county in the spring of 1857, before his marriage, and for a time followed farming in partnership with his three brothers. He then bought 100 acres of land, the nucleus of the farm he now owns. The land was then in a poor state of cultivation, and the buildings were tumble-down affairs, but Mr. Moore has changed all that. He not only improved his original holding, but added to it, has erected substantial and modern buildings, and has proved himself to be a progressive farmer in his work and management. For the past ten years he has had a good gas well in operation upon his tract, having struck gas at a depth of 2,500 feet. By well-directed industry he has become one of the prosperous agriculturists of his part of the county.

On April 28, 1864, Mr. Moore married Jane Dill, a native of Armstrong county, daughter of William and Nancy Dill, the former a native of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Dill were farming people of Armstrong county. Mrs. Moore died in 1906, aged sixty-one years. She was the mother of the following children: Nannie, who is deceased; Robert; Charles, Mary, deceased; Harney, who is engaged in farming on his father's place; Edgar, at home; and Calvin, deceased. Mr. Moore and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN H. ROHRBACH, farmer, residing on his tract of fifty-five acres in Brady's Bend township, Armstrong county, located a half mile southwest of Kaylor, on the Sugar Creek and Brady's Bend road, was born in Brady's Bend township, Nov. 1, 1869, son of Peter and Barbara (Kerchner) Rohrbach.

Peter Rohrbach, father of John H. Rohrbach, was born in Germany June 15, 1829, and attended school and learned the shoemaking trade there. In 1854 he accompanied his sister, Mrs. Margaret Boltz, to America, and after they located in Brady's Bend township he secured work in the rolling mills at Brady's Bend, where he continued until he had earned enough money to enable him to buy twenty-five acres of land, which lies to the east of the farm of John H. Rohrbach. To this he added until he owned fifty-one acres, which he improved, building the present farm residence. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and gave assistance when a new edifice was erected. His death occurred Oct. 13, 1902, and he was buried in the cemetery of the Lutheran Church in Sugar Creek township. His first marriage was to Phoebe Kamerer, daughter of David Kamerer, an early settler in this township. At her death she left two children: Henry, who lives at Stoneboro, Mercer Co., Pa.; and Mrs. Kate Richardson, of Wampum, Lawrence Co., Pa. The mother of these children was buried in the cemetery attached to the old church. The second marriage of Peter Rohrbach was to Barbara Kerchner, a native of Butler county, and they had the following children: Adam J., who was born March 21, 1886, lives in Lancaster, Ohio; John H. was born Nov. 1, 1869; Margaret, born Feb. 24, 1873, is the wife of H. G. Frederick, of Donegal township, Butler Co., Pa.; Anna, born Jan. 10, 1879, is the wife of R. Edward Zahniser, residing in Brady's Bend township. The widow of Peter Rohrbach lives on the old homestead.

John H. Rohrbach received his education in his native township and remained assisting his father until he was twenty-eight years old, continuing at home one year after he married. With the exception of a few months, a period included between November and May, he has always lived in Brady's Bend township, this period being spent in East Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co. Ever since his return he has lived on this farm, on which L. W. Miller (oil producer) has three producing oil wells. Six acres are in woodland and pasture. On July 5, 1902, Mr. Rohrbach bought the farm from his brother, Adam J. Rohrbach, and he has built an addition to the original residence.

Mr. Rohrbach married Ella Simpson, who was born in Jefferson county, Pa., daughter of D. C. and Nancy (Herron) Simpson, and they have four children: Ethel, born in Brady's Bend township March 3, 1899; Florence, born at East Pittsburgh Jan. 30, 1902; Helen, born March 18, 1906; and Kermit, born May 3, 1908. Mr. Rohrbach is a member of the Lutheran Church. In politics he has always voted with the Republican party, and he is one of the prominent township officials. For three years he has been assessor of Brady's Bend township, and by appointment of the county

commissioners is the present assessor. He has also served continuously on the school board of Brady's Bend township for the last twenty-three years with the exception of eighteen months, part of which time he spent at East Pittsburgh, Allegheny county. He is also a faithful worker in the temperance cause, to stamp out the liquor traffic, which he believes is ruining so many homes and blighting the characters and souls of many victims. Mr. Rohrbach is one of the original members of Kaylor Grange, No. 1396, organized by E. O. Snow and himself, and has been officially connected with the body ever since.

PETER JOHN TURNEY, deceased, formerly a carpenter of Cowanshannock township, was born in Armstrong county, Pa., March 5, 1847, a son of Peter Turney.

Isaac Turney, who was the founder of the family in Cowanshannock township, was one of the pioneer agriculturists of that locality. He was reared to farming and followed that calling all his life.

Peter Turney, son of Isaac Turney, was also one of the early farmers of Cowanshannock township.

Peter John Turney was reared to manhood in his native township, receiving a common school education. When only fourteen years old he enlisted, in the spring of 1861, in Company A, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for service during the Civil war, under Col. William Sirwell. He reenlisted, veteranizing in the same company, and had the misfortune to be wounded in the battle of Chickamauga, Tenn. Mr. Turney participated in all the battles of his regiment, including those of Stone River, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain and others of less importance, receiving his honorable discharge in 1864.

Upon his return home Mr. Turney learned the carpenter's trade, but after several years went to the oil fields of Parker's Landing, and those in McKean county, Pa., remaining there until 1882, when he commenced farming at the present site of Yatesboro. There his death occurred March 29, 1899, when he was fifty-two years of age.

On Nov. 16, 1881, Mr. Turney married Rebecca C. McElwain, a daughter of James and Esther (Otterman) McElwain, of Perry township, Clarion Co., Pa., and by her had three children: Bert, who is engineer with the Cowanshannock Coal & Coke Company, married Mary Edna Seice, and they have one child, Helen Berneyda; Oscar Cassat, who is an engineer with the same company as his brother, married Elsie Huber, and has one child, Harold Blaine; William Powers is deceased.

Mr. Turney was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, toward the support of which he contributed liberally, and he was a man widely and favorably known as one who always did his duty as he saw it. In politics he was a Republican.

JAMES M. STONE, junior member of the real estate and insurance firm of Fox & Stone, of Kittanning, was born in 1867, at Pine Furnace, this county, son of James and Caroline (Bossinger) Stone.

James Stone was an expert bookkeeper, and for many years was associated in that position with various iron manufacturers of Armstrong county. His death occurred in 1902. He and his wife were the parents of children as follows: Dr. Henry B.; Annie; Maggie; Henrietta, wife of William J. Monks, principal of the Lincoln high school of Cleveland, Ohio; James M.; and George, who died in 1880 when twenty-one years old.

James M. Stone, after finishing his course in the public schools of this county, entered a store at Kittanning as a clerk, and later became employed in the Pennsylvania railroad offices at Pittsburgh, where he remained for three years. In 1894 he became interested in the production of natural gas, and was engaged in drilling wells, following this line of endeavor until 1902. In that year he formed a partnership with John A. Fox, of Kittanning, under the name of Fox & Stone, the firm carrying on a general insurance and realty business, writing insurance for many of the old line companies, and handling some of the most desirable properties in the city and county. As they conduct their business along progressive lines, the partners have met with a fair degree of success.

In 1903 Mr. Stone was married to Mabel Copley, daughter of William Copley, of Butler, Pa., and three children have been born of this marriage: James C., Marian and Henry Nathan. Mr. Stone belongs to Blue Lodge No. 244, F. & A. M., and Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M. His religious home is in the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM A. WRAY, a farmer of Kiskiminetas township, was born May 9, 1855, in Shady Plain, this county, son of Daniel and Sarah (Frantz) Wray, natives of Pennsylvania.

Daniel Wray, his great-grandfather, was

born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1754, and came to America in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He settled near Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa., but in a short time went to Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and afterwards to the site of Saltsburg, where he bought a farm of 200 acres, a portion of the town being built on his original homestead. When he purchased this property it was covered with timber, and the wolves frequently attacked his sheep and drove them to his cabin door. His death occurred in 1825.

Robert Wray, the grandfather of William A. Wray, was born near Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa., Dec. 8, 1784, and died Aug. 15, 1869. He was a farmer, and came to Kiskiminetas township with his son in 1820.

Daniel Wray, the father of William A. Wray, was born at Saltsburg, Indiana Co., Pa., April 1, 1816, and was brought to Kiskiminetas township in 1820. Here he was reared on a farm, receiving his education in subscription school. In 1840 he commenced teaching school, continuing thus for six winters, and in the summer months worked on the farm. At the time of his death he was the owner of 165 acres of land. On Oct. 20, 1840, he married, and he and his wife had seven children, of whom William A. was next to the youngest in order of birth. Politically he was a Republican, while the Presbyterian Church at Elder's Ridge held his membership.

William A. Wray attended school until he attained his majority, and lived at home until his marriage. He owns a good farm at Shady Plain, and in addition to his agricultural interests, is a member of the board of managers of the South Bend Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company. For twelve years he was postmaster at Shady Plain, and in the years 1900 and 1910 acted as census enumerator for Kiskiminetas township. At the present time he is township tax collector, health officer and a member of the county board of viewers by appointment of the late Judge W. D. Patton, of whom he was a strong personal friend. He is recognized as a public spirited man, interested in the development of his community. The Republican party has his vote and support.

On Sept. 28, 1887, Mr. Wray was married, in Armstrong county, to Anna M. Anderson, daughter of John B. Anderson, an old settler of the county, and resident of Leechburg. Mr. and Mrs. Wray have had children as follows: Sloan S. and Grace A., twins, Augusta, Helen M. and Daniel. Grace A. was married Jan. 25, 1912, to Alfred Boyd Shields, of Worthington, Armstrong county, a prosperous and progressive farmer. Helen M. is a successful school teacher in her native township.

WILLIAM BARNHARDT SHAUM, whose widow, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Shaum, lives on part of the old Marshall homestead in Rayburn township, Armstrong county, was born May 27, 1846, in Rayburn township, and died in April, 1872, in Kittanning. William Shaum, his father, came to this country from Germany, settling in Armstrong county, Pa., where he followed farming and worked at the Bonner furnace. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Altman, had two children, William B. and Charles. The father was a veteran of the Mexican war, during which he was taken prisoner and suffered many hardships.

William B. Shaum grew up in the locality of his birth and when a youth clerked at Echo, Armstrong county, for a time. This was before his service in the Union army. On Feb. 18, 1864, he enlisted in Company B, 14th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for three years or during the war, and was discharged Aug. 24, 1865, at Fort Leavenworth, Kans. He was then only in his eighteenth year. Upon his return from the war he again engaged in clerking, being employed in the borough of Kittanning, in the old Iron Store owned by Brown E. Shaum, becoming a member of the firm, though he had no money invested in the business. They were wholesale and retail dealers in dry goods, queensware, hardware and groceries. Mr. Shaum continued thus until his early death, which occurred in April, 1872, when he was only in his twenty-sixth year. He was a Democrat in politics and attended the Lutheran Church.

On Oct. 14, 1869, Mr. Shaum was married to Elizabeth C. Marshall, who was born March 26, 1844, daughter of Archibald and Rebecca (Taylor) Marshall, and they had two children, Alice, born Dec. 5, 1870, and William Francis, born July 7, 1872. The son, who was a carpenter by trade and occupation, died unmarried Aug. 19, 1902.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaum passed their married life in Kittanning, and he was one of the respected young business men of that borough, where by his enterprise and ability he had won the confidence and esteem of all with whom he was associated. After his death his widow removed to Rayburn township, making her home on part of her father's old homestead farm; her daughter resides with her. The Marshall family history is given in detail elsewhere in this work.

OTT THOMPSON, of Templeton, Armstrong county, has passed all his life in that section, having been born there March 7, 1860, son of Robert Templeton, and grandson of James and Jane Thompson. The grandparents were born in eastern Pennsylvania, near Altona, and settled in Clarion county, Pa. He was a millwright. To them were born the following children: Robert, John and Henry. John was for many years a steamboat captain in the Allegheny river and after the days of boating were over followed the hotel business in the lower and upper oil fields; he died in Bradford about 1896. Henry, who was engaged in the grocery business, died Aug. 10, 1895, in the East End, Pittsburgh.

Robert Thompson, father of Ott Thompson, was in his day one of the best known citizens of this part of Pennsylvania. He was born May 30, 1817, and grew to manhood in Armstrong county, receiving his education there in the common schools. When a young man he went to work in a store for Sam Huston, with whom he remained several years. Not long after his marriage he and his young wife moved with their household goods by boat to Mahoning, this county, and went into the hotel business at Grey's Eddy. Some time later he went to Red Bank, where he was employed in a warehouse for several years, in 1858 building the "Thompson House," a hotel at Templeton, which his brother Henry conducted for him for two years. From 1860 until his death, for a period of thirty-five years, he conducted the hotel himself, being remarkably successful in the business. He also had a general store there; was the first postmaster at Templeton; served ten years (two terms) as justice of the peace, and for two terms represented his district in the State Legislature. Few men were more popular in this region than Mr. Thompson. His circle of acquaintances extended into Jefferson and Clarion counties, and he was universally esteemed, his busy life bringing him into contact with almost all the residents of his locality, and his honorable dealings winning and holding their good will. For many years he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. In political opinion he was a stanch Republican. His death, which occurred Aug. 15, 1895, was regarded as a public loss.

In 1842, Mr. Thompson married Anna Maria Nicholes, of Westmoreland county, Pa., who died the same year, leaving one daughter, Jane, wife of J. H. Patrick, an attorney, of Clarion Co., Pa. Mr. Thompson's second marriage was to Mary W. O'Donnell, of Huntingdon county, Pa., whose mother was a cousin of Robert E. Lee. They were married at Red Bank, Pa., in 1851, and to them were born the following children: Lee, who died Jan. 13, 1886, was a member of the State Legislature from this district for two terms, merchant and postmaster at Templeton, and one of the leading citizens of the community (he married Martha Ernsfield, and they had two children, Claire, who is deceased, and Robert B., now serving his second term as postmaster at Freeport, Pa.); Ott is mentioned below; Locke, postmaster at Templeton, was also in the hotel business; Strang, of Pittsburgh, Pa., in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, married Reda Richardson and has one child; Eddie died at the age of eight years; Lolla died at the age of seven years.

Ott Thompson obtained his schooling in the home locality, and at an early age began to work with his father, remaining with the latter until his death. He was connected with the hotel business as well as with the store, but sold out his interests in the former in the year 1904. In 1906 he built his present store, which is stocked with general merchandise, and he has a patronage drawn from a wide territory, being one of the foremost business men of his district. He has taken considerable part in the management of local affairs, having served six years as supervisor of Pine township and two terms as justice of the peace. In fact, he is a typical member of the progressive family to which he belongs.

In 1897 Mr. Thompson was married to Adda Gould of Boggs, township, this county, daughter of Elias and Mary Gould, now of Washington township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have two sons, Mason and Harold. They are members of the Presbyterian Church, and socially he is a Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge No. 244, at Kittanning. In political connection he is a Republican.

SLOAN BANKS, of Bethel township, Armstrong county, at present serving as member of the board of school directors, was born Feb. 14, 1864, in Kittanning township, this county, son of John and Nancy (McLaughlin) Banks. The father, who was born in Allegheny, Pa., was of Scotch-English descent, his father, John M. Banks, a pioneer and farmer in Kittanning township, coming from Scotland. His mother, a daughter of William McLaughlin, was born in Armstrong county, Pa., and was of Scotch descent. Their fam-

ily of seven children consisted of four sons and three daughters, namely: Mary E.; William, who is deceased; David, deceased; George, a farmer of Oregon; Belle, who married John Montgomery, of Armstrong county, and has three children, one son and two daughters; Martha J., married to R. H. McGrow, of Kittanning; and Sloan.

Sloan Banks was born on a farm in Kittanning township, and was five years old when his parents moved to their farm in Burrell township. There he assisted with the farm work and attended school, and when of age he went to Pittsburgh, where he was employed for ten years as a street car conductor. Then he began farming in Bethel township, where he has since resided and where he has eighty-six acres of good land, in a fine state of cultivation, devoted to general farming.

On Sept. 26, 1888, Sloan Banks was united in marriage with Susie Wareham, daughter of John and Julia A. (Walters) Wareham, of Bethel township, and they have had three children, one son and two daughters: Paul, born Jan. 28, 1892; Irene, born March 13, 1895; and Ruby, born June 3, 1901.

In politics Mr. Banks is identified with the Republican party, and he has taken considerable interest in the welfare of his locality, always supporting worthy movements which promise to benefit the community. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church at Bethel.

ABSALOM B. RIGGLE has lived at his present place in Burrell township, Armstrong county, since 1870, and is one of the prosperous and respected farmers of that section. He was born in Allegheny township June 24, 1846, and was nearly a year old when his father, Daniel Riggle, moved to Burrell township in 1847. His grandparents, John and Sarah (Shetler) Riggle, were of German extraction.

Daniel Riggle, the father, was born May 12, 1812, in Westmoreland county, Pa. For a while he lived in Allegheny township, this county, settling in Burrell township in 1847. He died in 1886, aged seventy-four years, and his wife, Mary Robb, who was born in 1818, daughter of John and Mary (Shotts) Robb, died in 1904, aged eighty-six years. They had a family of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters: Hettie; Saloma, who married Hiram Myers, of Bethel township, and had five children; Elizabeth; Absalom B.; John, of Texas, who married and had four children; Sarah, who married Wilson Hotham, of Kansas (now deceased), and has three children living; D. Thomas, born Oct. 18, 1855, who married Margaret A. Altman, of Burrell township, and has three children; Anna, who died when twelve years old; Maria, widow of John McCullough, of Pittsburgh; James W., living in California; Augusta, who married Isaiah Spong, of Bethel township, and has five children; and Miles A., of Burrell township, married to Emma Spencer.

On Sept. 4, 1864, Absalom B. Riggle was mustered into the Union army as a member of Company C, 14th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, one of the noted regiments of the State. He was wounded in the shoulder at Front Royal, saw considerable active service, and was discharged while in the Mower general hospital, at Chestnut Hill, near Philadelphia, Pa., in August, 1865. Returning to his old home he settled down to general agricultural pursuits, in 1867 purchasing from William Bahme the farm of forty-three acres in Burrell township upon which he has since made his home. He is a man of substantial worth and highly esteemed in his neighborhood.

On Nov. 18, 1869, Mr. Riggle married Susanna Farster, of Kittanning township, whose father, Jonathan Farster, was a farmer; he married Margaret Waltenbaugh. Mrs. Riggle has two brothers living, Henry and David Farster. Mr. and Mrs. Riggle have had seven children, three sons and four daughters, namely: Preston A., who married Celia Newel and has two children; Millie, who died when twenty-two years of age; Margaret, wife of J. E. Yount, a farmer, of Burrell township (they have three children); Ellis W., general agent with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Verona, Pa., married to Clara Warden (no children); Thomas F., a farmer of Burrell township, who married Edith Shafer and has five children; Luella, who married D. H. Shaw, a miller, of Kittanning, and has two children, Josephine and Daniel Murry; and Pearl, who died when eleven years old. The family are members of the Lutheran Church, associated with St. Michael's (the Brick Church) in Burrell township.

ROBERT W. KIRKPATRICK was born Sept. 5, 1862, on the farm where he now resides in Cowanshannock township, and the family had been in Armstrong county since 1798, when his great-grandfather, James Kirkpatrick, settled here.

The Kirkpatricks are of Scotch-Irish origin. James Kirkpatrick was born in Cumberland

county, Pa., and thence in early life moved to Westmoreland county, this State, where he lived a number of years. In 1798 he located on Cherry run, near Elderton, in Plum Creek (now Cowanshannock) township. At that time the settlers had many hardships to endure besides the ordinary privations of pioneer life, and his house was attacked by Indians who killed two of the inmates. A young child was also wounded, but the mother made her escape with it, reaching Loyalhanna, Westmoreland county, where it afterward died. Not long after this occurrence, James Kirkpatrick purchased a large tract of land in what is now Cowanshannock township, cleared and improved his homestead, and passed the remainder of his life there, engaging in farming. He was a prominent member of the first Presbyterian Church organized at Glade Run, near Dayton, in Wayne township, and served as elder of same. In politics he was a Whig. To him and his wife Mary (Larimer) were born eight children, four sons and four daughters. One of the sons, James, was a soldier in the war of 1812.

David Kirkpatrick, son of James and Mary (Larimer) Kirkpatrick, was born in 1778 in Westmoreland county, and was a young man when he came to Armstrong county with his father. He became a prominent farmer of Cowanshannock township in his day, and died in 1844 in his sixty-seventh year. In politics he was a Whig, in religious connection a Presbyterian. By his first wife, Elizabeth (Varns), he had two children, William and James N. To his second marriage, with Mary Thompson, daughter of John and Jane (Riddle) Thompson, were born nine children, namely: John; Moses; Robert B., who enlisted in 1861 in the 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years; Simon; Martha; Mary, who married Archibald Findley; Margaret, who married Christian Good; Lydia C., who married George F. Currie; and Martha (2).

John Thompson, father of Mrs. Mary (Thompson) Kirkpatrick, was born in Allegheny county, Pa., where his father settled on coming from Ireland. He was a farmer by occupation. By his first wife Jane (Riddle), he had three children, and eight children (three sons and five daughters) were born to his second marriage, to a Miss Breckenridge.

Moses Kirkpatrick, son of David and Mary (Thompson) Kirkpatrick, was born Nov. 30, 1829, on his father's homestead farm, and lived and died on that place, passing away Jan. 20, 1898. He married Anna Elder, who was born Nov. 22, 1824, near Clarksburg, Indiana county, daughter of Thomas Elder, and died Dec. 26, 1892. They became the parents of four children: David, who died when five years old; Rose, who died in 1883, aged twenty-three; Robert W.; and Mary, who died two months after her sister, when eighteen years old.

Robert W. Kirkpatrick grew to manhood at the old homestead and received a public school education in the locality. He has always lived on the home farm, now owning and occupying part of the home place, having a tract of seventy acres, which he keeps under excellent cultivation. He is a substantial citizen of his neighborhood, progressive in his agricultural work and public-spirited in his attitude on affairs of general interest to the community, a thoroughly representative descendant of the sturdy Scotch-Irish stock which has played so important a part in the development of the State of Pennsylvania. He is a Republican in politics and a Presbyterian in religious connection.

In 1889 Mr. Kirkpatrick married Sarah Adams, daughter of Robert and Jane (McKelvey) Adams of Westmoreland county. They have had three children, all sons, Ivan E., Robert Earl and Frank K. Ivan E. was married Oct. 18, 1912, to May Catharine Hull, of New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL J. McMAINS, D. D. S., who is engaged in the practice of dentistry in the borough of Leechburg, is one of the substantial and popular citizens of that community in both his professional capacity and his connection with its general welfare. He has served in several local offices, is associated with various enterprises which mark the progress of the borough, and has a high personal standing in all circles.

The Doctor's paternal great-great-grandfather came to this part of Pennsylvania from Kentucky, settling in what is now known as Baldwin township, in Allegheny county, at a period when that section was a wilderness and occupied by Indians. He was of Scotch descent. Either he or his son John took up from the government 400 acres of land near White Hall, Allegheny county, which was afterward taken from them in a fraudulent manner. An attorney once offered to reclaim the land for the heirs, but it had then passed into innocent hands, and William McMains, son of John, refused to consent to such an attempt. John McMains, the Doc-





tor's great-grandfather, was from Allegheny county. He was a ranger in the early days, and told how, in a charge he made with others, he ran after an Indian whom he wanted to capture. The Indian dodged his bayonet and escaped in a thicket. He could have killed the Indian, but desired to take him alive. Mr. McMains married Margaret Kinkaid, daughter of John Kinkaid, and they had the following children: William is mentioned below; John Kinkaid married Elizabeth Barns; Enoch married Sarah Shaw; Benjamin married Mary Ann Weller; James married Nancy Thompson; Andrew married Sarah Thompson, cousin of Nancy, his brother's wife; Sarah married Fulton Eckels; Hannah married James Irwin; one daughter (name not known) died young.

William McMains, son of John and Margaret (Kinkaid) McMains, was a carpenter and builder, and was particularly skilled as a manufacturer of grain cradles. About 1843 he moved with his family to the Monongahela river, between that time and 1863 living along and near the river at several locations, between Glassport and Peters Creek. He died at the age of fifty-six years, near Elizabeth, Armstrong county. His wife, Mary Ann (Moore), was a daughter of William and Nancy (Wallace) Moore, the former of whom came from Ireland with his parents at the age of four years, and lived on a farm in Baldwin township, Allegheny Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. William Moore had children as follows: James, who married Ann Hamilton; Hannah, Mrs. Thomas Large; Mary Ann, Mrs. McMains; Jane, Mrs. John Willock; Samuel, who married Elizabeth Stewart; William, who was twice married, first to Margaret Cowen (there were no children by the second union); Eliza, wife of Robert Curry; and Sarah, Mrs. Joseph McGibbony.

To William McMains and his wife were born six children: John K., Jesse Moore, William Wallace, Samantha (married W. C. Pollock), Mary E. and Sarah (who never married).

Jesse Moore McMains, son of William, was born June 12, 1839, near White Hall, in Baldwin township, Allegheny county. As previously stated, his parents moved to the Monongahela river about 1843, living along and near the river at several places between Glassport and Peters Creek during the time he remained at home, until 1863. Meantime, after beginning work, he engaged in coal digging during the winter season, and in the summer time followed the carpenter's trade and building. On May 11, 1863, he entered the employ of Thomas Fergus, at Elizabeth, becoming a salesman, and he was with Mr. Fergus in that capacity for eleven years, during which time he kept his books for about ten years. He had attended Duff's business college, at Pittsburgh, from which he was graduated in 1862, and he has for many years given instruction in penmanship, being one of the best teachers in that art in this district. He continued his connection with the mercantile business until his retirement in 1910. Mr. McMains has always been an active man, and he has had numerous interests. Like his father he was a well-known singer, and they were popular choir leaders in the United Presbyterian Church for many years. On Aug. 29, 1863, Jesse M. McMains and his sister Samantha (Mrs. Pollock) united with the Bethesda congregation, at Elizabeth, their parents joining by letter from McKeesport congregation at the same time. This was under the pastorate of Rev. Samuel Jamison. On Feb. 8, 1871, Mr. McMains was elected to the office of ruling elder in Bethesda congregation, was ordained May 22, 1871, and has served continuously since—a period of over forty-two years. He was elected treasurer of the congregation Jan. 22, 1881, and with the exception of three years continued in that office until Sept. 1, 1901. He has been in the public service in the borough of Elizabeth, having been elected councilman Oct. 13, 1869, and served one term; for six and a half years he was a school director, and during that time acted as secretary of the board. He was clerk of the council for five and two thirds years, resigning Dec. 1, 1910.

On July 4, 1865, Mr. McMains was married, by Rev. Samuel Jamison, to Joanna Reid, who was born Nov. 16, 1841, daughter of Thomas H. and Elizabeth Patterson Reid, and died Jan. 16, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. McMains had the following children: Samuel Jamison; Eleanora Patterson, born Dec. 15, 1868, who is married to L. B. Worley, Esq., of Pittsburgh, Pa.; William, born Sept. 19, 1870, who died Sept. 23, 1886; Jesse Moore, Jr., born Nov. 14, 1875, a United Presbyterian minister now located at Springdale, Pa.; Van McKinstry, born Jan. 6, 1885, who was well educated, taught school for several years, and is now traveling in the South.

Thomas H. Reid, father of Mrs. Jesse M. McMains, was a native of Southampton county, Va., born Feb. 22, 1795, and died Jan. 1, 1861. His wife, Elizabeth Patterson, born

April 27, 1800, died Feb. 4, 1894. They had two children: Joanna, wife of Jesse M. McMains; and Sarah Elizabeth, born March 2, 1845, who died May 15, 1855.

William and Sarah Patterson, parents of Mrs. Elizabeth (Patterson) Reid, were born in 1760 and 1769, respectively, and died in 1830 and 1814, respectively. Their children were born as follows: David, 1791 (died 1837); Mary, 1793 (died 1872); Martha, 1795 (died 1884); Sarah, 1798 (died 1884); Elizabeth, 1800 (died 1894); Nancy, 1802 (died 1882); Eleanor, 1804 (died 1894); William, 1806; James, 1808 (died 1888); Jeremiah, 1810; Joanna, 1812 (died 1851). This family lived in Fayette county, Pa., and when General LaFayette made his last tour through this country they entertained him, at or near Tippecanoe, that county. These eleven children were nephews and nieces of Gov. Jeremiah Morrow of Ohio, the first United States senator from Ohio, who served twenty-one years in that office. He went to Washington on horseback. On his return he was informed of his election as governor of Ohio, and served from 1822 to 1826. His only picture hangs in the Statehouse at Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Morrow was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church during all the period of his public service. He was a farmer by occupation.

Samuel Jamison McMains was born March 29, 1867, at Elizabeth, Allegheny Co., Pa., and there he began his education in the public school. He graduated from high school at the age of fifteen. Until he was twenty years of age he clerked in the Fergus department store at Elizabeth. Then he went to Pittsburgh and engaged as clerk with Biber & Easton for one year. He then began the study of dentistry with Shaw & McBurney, on Penn avenue, in Pittsburgh, and on Sept. 12, 1889, he entered the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, at Philadelphia. Graduating in 1891, he located at Leechburg, Armstrong county, on April 8th of that year opening an office and commencing the practice he has since built up to large proportions. He is now situated on Market street.

Dr. McMains has been quite active in a number of local enterprises and has proved himself a man of good business judgment. He has been a director of the Leechburg Board of Trade; is president of the National Producer Company, manufacturers of mechanical artificial gas producers; was the organizer of the Acme Natural Gas Company of Leechburg (of which he is still secretary and treasurer); was one of the organizers and is serving as a director of the Kiskiminetas Agricultural and Driving Association; organizer of the Eureka Natural Gas Company, operating near Saltsburg, of which he is secretary and treasurer; and is interested in the real estate business, owing a five-acre tract in Gilpin township, adjoining the borough of Leechburg, where he builds houses to order, for sale or rent. It is known as McMains' addition to Leechburg. The Doctor has served two terms as member of the borough school board, acted as president of that body, was secretary of the borough council for several years, was a member of the poor board, and in fact has been one of the all-around active citizens of Leechburg. He is now State Registrar for Leechburg, Gilpin and Park townships. He is a Republican on political questions, and in religion a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is an Elk, holding membership in the local lodge, and is secretary of the Elks' Building Association.

Dr. McMains' numerous associations, professional, business, political, social, have widened his interests and made his name well known all over the State, and in some connections, indeed, he has acquired a national reputation. As a glee club and campaign singer he has been a popular figure at many public gatherings, and his ability as a speaker has also created a demand for his services at political and other assemblages. His sincere manner and frank address attract friends wherever he goes.

On Nov. 28, 1894, Dr. McMains married Margaret Thompson Moorhead, who was born at Indiana, Pa., daughter of John Calvin Moorhead, of that place, and graduated from the Indiana State normal school in 1891. She taught public school at Leechburg several years before her marriage. Dr. and Mrs. McMains have two children, Charles Van and Eleanor, both of whom are attending school.

The Moorhead family, ancestors of Mrs. McMains, is of Scotch origin, the name (Scotch or possibly Norman) signifying "head of the moor." It is traced back to the sixteenth century in Scotland. Donald Moorhead and his wife Esther (Parkson) had William Moorhead, whose son Alexander Moorhead went to the North of Ireland. There he married Jennie Clyde, who was of Norman English extraction. They had one son, Alexander Moorhead, who was but fifteen years of age when his father died. He and his mother emigrated to America in 1764, landing at Philadelphia and thence proceeding to Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa. On the same vessel in which

they made the voyage came a family named Morrow, and in 1769 young Alexander Moorhead married the daughter Mary Morrow. They had children, James, Margaret and Esther. In 1780 Alexander Moorhead brought his mother, wife and three children to Indiana county, Pa., and the name became one of the most distinguished in the pioneer annals of this region. The Moorheads have intermarried with other prominent families, and the name to this day is one of the most honored in Indiana county.

James Moorhead, evidently son of Alexander and Mary (Morrow) Moorhead, married Nancy Thompson.

Alexander Thompson Moorhead, first child of James and Nancy (Thompson) Moorhead, was one of the well-known men of this section in his time. He used to haul merchandise from Philadelphia, at that early day a difficult and perilous undertaking; usually several men would go together, and "double team" over the mountains. On June 12, 1821, he married Mary Morrow McKee, daughter of James McKee, a distinguished early settler of Indiana county, who built what was known as McKee's Mills. Four children were born to this union: James McKee; Joseph McCloud; Nancy Ann, who married Robert Lowry; and Alexander Thompson, Jr., for many years editor of the Indiana *Progress,* postmaster at that place and also in other connections one of the borough's most important citizens. The mother dying May 31, 1836, Mr. Moorhead married (second) April 24, 1837, Jane H. Hart, who died Jan. 27, 1858. By this union there were five children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Mary Jane, who married Joseph B. Adair; Margaret, who married J. Stuart Thompson, a merchant; and John Calvin.

John Calvin Moorhead, son of Alexander Thompson and Jane H. (Hart) Moorhead, was born Nov. 22, 1845, and is a resident of Indiana borough, where he is engaged in business as a dealer in lumber, farm implements, coal, etc. He is also interested in farming. On Feb. 18, 1868, he married Matilda J. Lintner, who was like himself of prominent pioneer stock of this section, and they are the parents of ten children, namely: David Lintner, former county surveyor, in which office he served for twenty years, now a member of the firm of Moorhead Brothers, leading clothing merchants of Indiana; Thompson Hart, who died in infancy; Margaret Thompson, wife of Dr. McMains; Clara J., wife of Herbert B. Smith, of Johnstown; William Owens, member of the firm of Moorhead Brothers; John Porter, who died in infancy; James Egar, of West Newton, a civil engineer engaged with the Sanborn Map Company, of New York City; Calvin Henry, a merchant of Sunbury, Pa.; Charles Augustus, of Kittanning, Pa., representing the Sanborn Map Company; and Mary Elizabeth, who is engaged in teaching school. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

JOHN P. KNELL, a resident of Burrell township who has been engaged as engineer by the Philadelphia Gas Company for thirteen years and also has a farm in the township, was born there Feb. 2, 1878, and is a son of John and Sophia Ellen (Woodside) Knell.

John Knell, the father, was born Nov. 13, 1848, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, son of Jacob and Catherine (Poffinberger) Knell, who brought him to America when he was seven years old. His mother had relatives in Baltimore, Md. The family located in the city of Allegheny, Pa., later moving to Birmingham (south side), Allegheny Co., Pa., and Jacob Knell was among the earliest glass workers at that place. In time he moved his family to Moon township, Allegheny county, and from there to Ross township, that county, being engaged in farming near Hulton, on White Oak Levels, for a time, and later for many years at Cochran Mills in Armstrong county, remaining there until he sold out, when he settled at Leechburg, Armstrong county. He has made his home there since 1910.

On July 15, 1875, Mr. Knell married Sophia Ellen Woodside, who was born Aug. 7, 1858, in Jefferson county, Pa., where her father, Nathan Woodside, was a farmer and lumberman. Her mother, whose maiden name was Rebecca Sheasley, was born in western Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Knell have had the following children: Ann Catherine is married to Jesse P. Remaley, of Burrell township; John P. is mentioned below; Louis George married Mary (Molly) Rupert, who died leaving four children, three sons and one daughter; Nathan Emanuel married Edna Herron, of Bethel township, and they have two children, both boys; Pearl married Lee Hancock, of Bethel township, and has four children, three sons and one daughter; Daniel R. married Jessie Woodward, of Burrell township, and they have three children, all daughters; Winfield Clair lives with his parents at Leechburg. Three of the sons are employed on the electric line, one is in the employ of the Philadel-

phia Gas Company, and one in the employ of the Ford City Gas Company.

John P. Knell, son of John and Sophia Ellen (Woodside) Knell, was reared in Burrell township, and there received his education, and he has been interested in farming there for a number of years, owning a farm of thirty acres. For thirteen years he has been in the employ of the Philadelphia Gas Company, in the capacity of engineer. He is an industrious and much respected man in his neighborhood, and is considered one of the reliable citizens of the community.

On Jan. 27, 1898, Mr. Knell was married to Maud Wareham, of Bethel township, this county, daughter of Smith and Estella (Robb) Wareham, of that township, where her father is a prominent farmer, owning a valuable tract of seventy-five acres. Mr. and Mrs. Knell have had seven children, born as follows: Laverne J., March 10, 1899; Althea, Feb. 13, 1901; Paul, Jan. 17, 1903; Lester, May 13, 1905; Matilda, Sept. 26, 1907; Laurine, Nov. 26, 1909; and Robert T., March 2, 1912. Mr. Knell and his family attend the Bethel Lutheran Church.

JOSEPH M. SCHRECENGOST, a farmer of Rayburn township who has passed all his life in this section of Armstrong county, was born Feb. 15, 1845, in Valley township, where the family has long been settled.

Coonrod Schrecengost, his great-grandfather, was a native of Germany, who came to Pennsylvania and settled in an eastern county, where he remained a short time. He then came to Kittanning township, Armstrong county, where he purchased a farm and followed farming and his trade of gunsmith until his death. He spent considerable time in hunting. He was a Federalist in politics and a member of the Lutheran Church. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Zortman, had a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, among whom were Daniel and Benjamin.

Benjamin Schrecengost, grandfather of Joseph M., was born in Switzerland and was an early settler at Kittanning. He was a miller by occupation, and built what is known as the old Red Mill and Stone House, grinding grist for all the old pioneers of his locality. Later he followed farming. He lived to be eighty-two years old. He was a Whig and Republican in his political views, and a member of the Lutheran Church, his wife belonging to the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Her maiden name was Susanna Oury, and she was of Armstrong county. Their children, all now deceased, were as follows: Elizabeth, Mrs. Heilman; George; Polly, Mrs. Schaffer; Daniel; Joseph J., born April 29, 1829, who died May 30, 1910; Margaret, Mrs. McAfoos; Isaac, who married Catherine King, and Susanna, Mrs. Cook.

George Schrecengost, son of Benjamin, was born Feb. 2, 1815, in Kittanning township, at the Red Mill, and he followed milling and farming throughout the active years of his long life. He spent the greater part of his life in Kittanning and Valley townships, settling on a farm in the latter township which was then principally in the woods. He cleared up a farm, and became one of the substantial and respected citizens of his locality, serving as school director of his township. In politics he was a Whig and Republican, in religion a member of the Lutheran Church. His death occurred about 1900. His wife, Hannah (Cravener), daughter of George and Regina (Yont) Cravener, old settlers of Valley township, died about 1898, at the age of sixty-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. George Schrecengost had children as follows: Benjamin Ury (deceased), David Alexander (deceased), Daniel Levi (deceased), Joseph Mosgrove, Sarah Ann (deceased), George Cravener (deceased), Samuel Peter, Mary Elizabeth, William Love, Isaac Adam (deceased), and Hannah Susannah.

Joseph M. Schrecengost grew to manhood on the farm and received his education in the local common schools. He has been a farmer all his life. After his marriage he and his wife settled on a farm in Cowanshannock township, this county, thence moving to their present home in Rayburn township in 1897. Here Mr. Schrecengost has since devoted his time and attention to general farming, prospering in his work by dint of well-applied energy, up-to-date methods and efficient management. He is recognized as an able man by his fellow citizens, who have honored him with election to various positions of trust, his services as school director and supervisor while in Cowanshannock township giving general satisfaction. In politics he is a Republican. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church.

On Dec. 21, 1864, Mr. Schrecengost was married to Nancy Hill, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., daughter of John H. and Catherine Hill, and ten children have been born to this union: John E., Emma Jane (who is deceased), James Park (deceased), Samuel George, Joseph Frank, David Edward, Warren

Grant, Benjamin Whitmore, Ida Catherine and William Bruce.

ELI DARBAKER, farmer, residing in Parks township, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born June 20, 1857, in the county, in what was then Allegheny (now Parks) township, a son of Jacob and Margaret (Eidam) Darbaker.

Jacob Darbaker and his wife were born in Germany, and when they came to the United States settled first in Center Valley, Armstrong Co., Pa., removing from there to Allegheny township, where he bought seventy-two acres of land. He cleared this land and erected comfortable buildings, and spent the remainder of his life there, an honest, hard-working, practical farmer. His death occurred in 1892, when he was aged sixty-eight years. His wife also passed away on this farm, and they were interred in the cemetery attached to the Forks Church, in Gilpin township. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, who married George W. Myers; Caroline, who died young; Eli; Salinda; Paulina, who married Sino Myers; and Theodore and Edward P., both of whom live in Parks township.

Eli Darbaker attended the district schools in boyhood and afterward assisted his father on the home farm, following which, as his brothers grew old enough to take his place, he worked for various neighboring farmers for several years. In 1892 he began business for himself, purchasing his present excellent farm of ninety-five acres, which he cultivates according to modern methods. The place is richly underlaid with soft coal. In addition to farming and stock raising, for his own needs, he does some trucking.

Mr. Darbaker married Flora Klingensmith, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Wagle) Klingensmith, and three children have been born to them: Clyde H, who married Grace Weinel, resides on the homestead; Lillian A. lives with her parents; Elizabeth died when twenty months old. The family belongs to the Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Darbaker has been a deacon. He is a Democrat in politics and for ten years has been a member of the township school board.

KLINGENSMITH. Peter Klingensmith, grandfather of Mrs. Eli Darbaker, died Aug. 22, 1840, aged fifty-nine years, seven months. He married Catherine Wanamaker, who died March 5, 1864, aged over seventy-six years. They had the following family of children: Henry (the eldest), Samuel, Peter, Joseph, Isaac, Annie, Barbara, Esther, and Elizabeth.

Henry Klingensmith, son of Peter, married Elizabeth Heckman, who died July 15, 1860, when aged fifty years. They had five children: Israel, Isaiah, Sanford, Fannie and Joseph. In 1861 he married his second wife, who was Elizabeth Wagle, and they had one child, Flora. Henry Klingensmith died Oct. 2, 1881, aged seventy-one years, eleven months. His wife survived him until September, 1896.

LEWIS F. KROH, farmer, residing in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, was born in Jefferson county, Pa., March 2, 1856, a son of Jacob Kroh and a grandson of Jacob Kroh.

Jacob Kroh, the grandfather, was a blacksmith in Northumberland county, Pa., and moved from there to Jefferson county, where he became interested in the lumber trade and was a leading man in Winslow township, dying there at the age of seventy-three years. His children were as follows: Benneville; Jacob; Henry; Angelina, who married John Snyder; Kate, who married Michael McNitch and (second) George Jordan; Elizabeth, who married Levi Sugar; and Sarah, who married Peter Baum.

Jacob Kroh (2), son of Jacob Kroh and father of Lewis F. Kroh, grew to manhood in Jefferson county, where he followed farming and lumbering. In the spring of 1872 he came to Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, where he bought 160 acres of land, to which he subsequently added eighty acres, and resided on his large farm during the remainder of his life, his death occurring Feb. 20, 1893, when he was aged sixty-four years. He was buried at Dayton, Pa. He married Mary Rabuck, daughter of Jonathan Rabuck, and they had four children: Lewis F., Charles, John and Alice, the last named being the wife of Harrison Seanor.

Lewis F. Kroh obtained his education in the public schools and since then has been engaged in farming, always residing on the old Kroh homestead in Cowanshannock township. He is numbered with the successful farmers of his section, and has a valuable property. Politically he is a Republican, and is serving as a member of the school board; he has also been a councilman.

Mr. Kroh married Margaret S. Schrecengost, daughter of Michael T. Schrecengost, a member of a large and well-known family of Armstrong county, and they have five children: Lillie, who married James Sexton; Mary; Laird, who graduated June, 1912, from the medical department of the University of

Pennsylvania, and is practicing medicine; James, who is a school teacher in Cowanshannock township, and Alton. There are two grandchildren in the family, George A. and Margaret E., born to Mr. and Mrs. Sexton.

We have the following record of the Schrecengost family:

(I) Yost Schrecengost, the pioneer settler of this family in Pennsylvania, was born in Germany and grew to manhood there. The game laws are very strict in that country even at the present day, and it is said that Yost Schrecengost fled for fear of being arrested for having shot a deer out of season, and came to America, accompanied by his wife and four sons.

(II) Conrad Schrecengost, son of Yost, was born in Armstrong county, Pa., married and had the following children: Martin, who married Christina Oury; Daniel; John, who was known as "Gentleman John"; Peter; Benjamin; Stauffer; Eva, who married Jacob McPherson; and Mollie, who married Michael Truby.

(III) Peter Schrecengost, son of Conrad, married Polly Moyer, and they spent almost their entire lives in Kittanning township, Armstrong county. They had the following children; Catherine, who married Jacob Schrecengost; Alexander, who married Harriet Rupp; Mary A., who married Jacob S. Rupp; Josiah, who married Ellen Selfrich; Sarah, who married John Wolf; Christina, who married Samuel Marks; Matilda, who died young; Hannah M., who married Thomas Kirkpatrick; Lucinda, who married John Fry; Lewis, who married Jennie Irwin; and Jefferson and Aaron, both of whom died young.

(III) John Schrecengost, son of Conrad, and grandfather of Mrs. Lewis F. Kroh, was always known as "Gentleman John." He was a man of energy and business enterprise, a blacksmith by trade and also a distiller, and he manufactured the first iron plows ever made in Armstrong county. He acquired a large amount of land in the vicinity of Rural Valley, where his death occurred; he is buried in Pleasant Union cemetery, in Cowanshannock township. The wife of John Schrecengost was Sarah Turney, and they had the following children: William T., who married Mary Baum, (second) Mary A. Hawk and (third) Adeline Brown, was a farmer in Cowanshannock township; Michael T. is mentioned below; John A. married Sarah Kline; Catherine married J. T. Patterson; Sarah married John Bittinger; Lavina married John Hetrick.

(IV) Michael T. Schrecengost, son of John, and father of Mrs. Kroh, was born on the old family homestead. He owned a farm at Rural Valley to which he gave attention, and also worked as a carpenter. He died Dec. 24, 1861 at the age of forty-one years, a victim of smallpox. He married Mary A. Hawk (daughter of Jacob Hawk) who died in 1869, and they had the following children: Harvey J., Catherine, Margaret S., and five others who died during the months of July and August, 1860, during an epidemic of diphtheria.

SOLOMON LONG, farmer, and a surviving soldier of the Civil war, resides in Red Bank township, Armstrong county, where he has about 164 acres of land. He was born in Franklin township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Feb. 17, 1837, son of Jacob and Sarah (Huffman) Long.

Jacob Long was born probably in Northumberland county, Pa., in 1796, and died in Armstrong county in 1867, at the age of seventy-one years. He was a weaver by trade. When he came to Westmoreland county he bought three acres of land, which he put under cultivation, but continued to work at his trade. In 1848 he left Westmoreland county and came to Armstrong county, settling in Red Bank township, where he purchased a tract of eighty-five acres, which, at the present time, is occupied by G. W. Hankey. He erected a weaving shop on his land and a part of his crop was flax, which his sons assisted him to prepare for weaving. He married Sarah Huffman, a daughter of John and Mary (Good) Huffman, and they had the following children: Emily, who married Peter Branthoover (both now deceased); Sarah, who died when twenty-one years old; Elinor, who died at the age of seventeen years; Hannah, who married John Wallet (both now deceased); Elizabeth, who died in Red Bank township, at the age of fifty years; Esther, who married Adam Carnahan, of Leechburg (both deceased); Solomon; Jacob, who married Catherine Ann Doverspike, who is now deceased; John, who was killed at the battle of Gettysburg, during the Civil war; George, who is deceased; Abigail, who is the wife of G. W. Hankey and lives on the old Long homestead in Red Bank township; Mary, who is the wife of G. D. Smith, residing at New Bethlehem; Rachel, deceased, who was the wife of Wesley Neal, residing in Wayne township; and Jemima, who died when eight years old. The wife of Jacob Long died when about seventy-eight

years old, and was buried in the Eddyville cemetery. Jacob Long was nominally a Democrat in his political allegiance, but he was a man of good judgment and entertained independent views on public questions. He was a member of the German Reformed Church at Eddyville, and at times served in church offices.

Solomon Long, son of Jacob, accompanied his father to Armstrong county when the latter was about fifty years of age. Previously he had attended school in Westmoreland county, and had further opportunities in Red Bank township, later, in 1860, teaching one term of school. He remained at home and gave his father assistance until he was twenty-one years of age, and then bought a farm of fifty acres. Before he had placed his land in the best of condition, as was his purpose, the Civil war was precipitated, and on Aug. 14, 1861, Mr. Long enlisted from Armstrong county and was mustered in at Kittanning as a member of Company B, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His regiment was assigned to General Negley's Brigade, in the Army of the Cumberland. Company B was well officered. James Hochenberry, the captain, had served as a private in a three-months company and after his return at the end of that enlistment formed what became Company B, and was made its captain, but later resigned, Lieutenant McCanna succeeding him; Samuel Lee then became first lieutenant. This company was enlisted for three years or during the war and took part in many serious engagements, and was particularly prominent at the battle of Chickamauga. It accompanied General Sherman's command through Georgia and it was at Atlanta that Mr. Long received notice of his honorable discharge. He went to Nashville, Tenn., by steamer, and from there, on the "Caroline," reached the mouth of the Cumberland, thence proceeding up the Ohio to Pittsburgh. He was discharged at Kittanning Nov. 4, 1864.

After this long patriotic service Mr. Long returned to the peaceful pursuits of agriculture once more, subsequently adding to his property until now he has about 164 acres, which he devotes to general farming. In his political views Mr. Long is a Democrat, and at times has accepted local offices, serving frequently as a school director and also as poor director and as supervisor. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, as was his mother.

Mr. Long was first married to Mary Snyder, who died in 1891, when aged thirty-eight years, and was buried at Eddyville. She was a daughter of the late Jacob and Sarah (Hoak) Snyder, who are buried at Zion Church, in Porter township, Jefferson Co., Pa. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Long: Virginia Dare, who is the wife of Edward Pankey, of Butler, Pa.; Sarah Irene, who lives at home; George A. Jinks, who died at the age of six years; and Etta Jane, now deceased, who was the wife of William Codner, of Toronto, Canada.

The second marriage of Mr. Long was to Levina Clemenza Kells, who is a daughter of Ralph and Margaret (Batty) Kells. They have no children.

(I) Augustus Kells, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Long, was born and married in Ireland, where both he and his wife Margaret died and are buried.

(II) Ralph Kells, son of Augustus Kells, emigrated with his wife, Margaret (Humes) Kells, from Ireland to the United States, and settled in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he followed the weaver's trade. They had the following children: Augusta, Andrew, Robert, Mary, Jane, Rachel, Margaret, Ellen and Ralph, all of whom are deceased. The grandparents of Mrs. Long were buried in Westmoreland county.

(III) Ralph Kells, son of Ralph, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., March 12, 1810, and died in Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., July 31, 1884. In his native county he attended subscription school in all probability, and worked for farmers in the neighborhood until he became of age, there being no record of his learning his father's trade. His first purchase of land was a tract of eighty acres, in Westmoreland county, from which he sold the underlying deposits of coal, and he afterward bought two farms in Wayne township, Armstrong county, one containing 160 acres and the other 170 acres. In Westmoreland county he married Margaret Batty, who was born in Westmoreland county, Feb. 3, 1812, daughter of William and Jane (Batty) Batty, and died Sept. 19, 1883. They had the following children: Nancy Jane, born Aug. 25, 1833, married George B. Sloan, and died Sept. 5, 1863; Margaret C. was born Nov. 11, 1835; John H., born June 5, 1837, married Lucinda C. Marshall, and died May 7, 1862; Sarah A., born Jan. 31, 1839, died June 31, 1859; William H., born April 24, 1843, died Dec. 21, 1860; Robert H. B., born March 11, 1845, married Angeline Kirkpatrick, and died Jan. 23, 1910; Andrew G., born Nov. 23, 1847, married Christina Doverspike, a Virginian, and died April 23, 1911; Hugh C., born Sept. 21,

1849, late of Mahoning township, married Christina Doverspike, and died April 3, 1913; Levina Clemenza, born April 15, 1853, married Solomon Long; Mary C., born Jan. 9, 1856, is the wife of Henry Rugh, of Eddyville. Mr. Kells was a member and class leader of the Methodist Church at Dayton, in Wayne township. He was a Republican politically, and served as school director, supervisor, and in other offices.

HENRY W. HILD is conducting the blacksmith business at Freeport, Armstrong county, established many years ago by his father, and is one of the respected citizens of that borough, where he has lived all his life. He was born there Feb. 15, 1870, son of John Hild, and grandson of Henry and Elizabeth Hild, of Germany, who settled at Freeport upon coming to America. Henry Hild was a mason, and worked at his trade here, he and his wife spending the rest of their lives at Freeport. They were members of the German Lutheran Church. They had a family of three children: John; Elizabeth, who died unmarried; and Louisa, unmarried, who lives at Freeport.

John Hild, son of Henry, was born Feb. 14, 1845, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, and died Sept. 5, 1908, at Freeport, Pa. He was a boy of eight years when he came to America with his parents, and the rest of his life was spent at Freeport, where he received a common school education. He learned the blacksmith's trade of Mr. Pfaff, and always followed that calling, working hard and winning the esteem of all who knew him. He was a worthy member of the German Lutheran Church at Freeport, and belonged to the I. O. O. F. lodge there. He married Hannah Liekert, of Butler county, Pa., and their family consisted of three sons: Henry W.; and Charles E. and William A., twins, born Aug. 31, 1879, at Laneville, South Buffalo township, the former of whom is assistant cashier in the Freeport Bank at Freeport, Pa., the latter cashier in the Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank at Brackenridge, Pa. Charles E. Hild was married Oct. 16, 1912, to Bess B. Marquis, of Freeport, Pa. He is an officer in the German Lutheran Church at Freeport, a member of Armstrong Lodge, F. & A. M., and of Orient Royal Arch Chapter, Kittanning, Pa. William A. Hild was assistant treasurer of the Safe Deposit Bank of Kittanning, Pa., for twelve years. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church at Freeport, a member of the Kittanning Lodge of Masons, and also of the Royal Arch Masons at Kittanning. He is unmarried, and lives at Freeport with his mother.

Henry W. Hild attended public school at Freeport, and learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, working with him as long as he lived. His father took him into partnership two years before his death, and since that event Henry W. Hild has continued the business at the same old stand. He has a good trade, and has retained his patrons by first-class service and honorable dealing.

Mr. Hild was married Oct. 6, 1897, to Lyda Renshaw, of McVill, Armstrong Co., Pa., and they have had three children: Margaret, Florence and Henry R. Fraternally Mr. Hild is a Mason (belonging to Freeport lodge) and a member of the Royal Arcanum. Mrs. Hild is an active worker in the M. E. Church.

ROBERT CLIFTON KERR, one of the substantial young farmers of Bethel township, Armstrong county, owns and operates a fine farm and is also engaged as engineer at Station No. 3 of the Philadelphia Gas Company. He is a native of Wayne township, this county, born Feb. 11, 1881, son of Robert W. and Ida Hannah (Hoffman) Kerr. His paternal grandparents, James and Margaret (Walker) Kerr, were of Scotch and German descent, respectively. Robert W. Kerr's uncles, Nevin and Willie, twins, brothers of his father, lived to the ages of ninety-six and ninety-seven years, respectively.

Robert W. Kerr was born in Bethel township, this county, Dec. 30, 18—, and he has long been a prosperous farmer of Burrell township, still conducting the farm of 147 acres there which he has long owned. He married Ida Hannah Hoffman, daughter of Reuben and Leah (Kemery) Hoffman, of Eddyville, Armstrong county, and they had a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters, all of whom survive: Robert C., Reuben A., Grace E., William Gregg, John B., Ruth, Earl, Martha and Mildred. Mrs. Kerr's mother still survives, at the age (1913) of ninety-five years.

Robert C. Kerr grew to manhood in Burrell township, and received his education in the public schools. He has followed farming since he commenced life for himself, owning a valuable place in Bethel township, near his father's. His postoffice is Kelly Station. He has prospered in his work, and is a very industrious man, respected by all who know him for his upright character and other ster-

ling qualities. For the last three years he has been employed as engineer at the plant of the Philadelphia Gas Company, Station No. 3, Banks Farm, Bethel township.

On Sept. 5, 1905, Mr. Kerr was married to Mahala Bowser, of Armstrong county, daughter of Alonzo and Mary Ellen (Yerdy) Bowser, and they have four children, two sons and two daughters: Beulah Alberta, born Feb. 20, 1907; Theodore Clifford, born Jan. 5, 1909; William Charles, born May 4, 1911; and Ethel Elizabeth, born Oct. 24, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Kerr are members of the Crooked Creek Presbyterian Church in Bethel township.

JOSEPH ALLSHOUSE, who resides at South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born in South Bend Oct. 5, 1838, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Fink) Allshouse and grandson of Henry Allshouse.

Henry Allshouse came to South Bend from Lehigh county, Pa., one hundred years ago, settling in what was then a wilderness. At that time there was no tillable land for many miles, and it required time and hard work to clear and cultivate the place on which he spent the remainder of his life.

Henry Allshouse, son of Henry, and father of Joseph Allshouse, was born in Armstrong county. He engaged in farming to some extent, but his main occupation was work at the carpenter's trade and he constructed numerous houses and other buildings in his neighborhood. He lived to be an old man, his death occurring in 1906, he having survived his wife since 1864. She, too, was a native of Armstrong county. They were members of the Reformed Church. Thirteen children were born to them, seven of whom survive, Joseph being the fifth in order of birth.

Joseph Allshouse remained with his father until he was twenty-one years old, in the meanwhile attending school during the winter sessions until his eighteenth year. Mr. Allshouse is a veteran of the Civil war, having served three years and eight months in that struggle, during which time he was almost constantly in danger. He was a member first of Company M, 2d Pa. Vol. Cav., joining the regiment at Kittanning and accompanying it to Warrensburg, Va. Among the important engagements in which he participated were: Sperryville, July 5, 1862; Madison, July 10, 1862; Cold Harbor, July 25, 1862; Bull Run, Aug. 30, 1862; Chantilly, Sept. 1, 1862; Thoroughfare Gap, October, 1862; Aldie, Nov. 2, 1862; Occoquan, Dec. 26, 1862; Gettysburg, July 3, 1863; Bristoe Station, Oct. 14, 1863; Mine Run, December, 1863. On Dec. 17, 1863, his first enlistment having expired, he reenlisted as a veteran, was promoted to bugler, and participated on the firing line in almost every battle that took place until his final discharge, including the engagements in the Wilderness, at White House Landing, Malvern Hill, Petersburg, Appomattox Court House, and the surrender of Lee. For three years after his return to Pennsylvania he worked out as a farmer. He now owns an eighty-acre farm in South Bend township, where he carries on general farming. He is one of the well known and highly respected residents of his section.

Mr. Allshouse was married, in Indiana county, Pa., to Anna Kier, who died in 1908. She was a daughter of James Kier, of South Bend township, and was the beloved mother of the following children: Rhetta, May A., Clara, James M., Mary Ida, Florence B., Frank M., Susan Pearl, Lulu and Eugenia. She was a member of the Reformed Church, to which Mr. Allshouse also belongs. Politically he is a Socialist.

MILES A. RIGGLE, of Burrell township, Armstrong county, was born on the old Riggle homestead in that township Oct. 14, 1862, son of Daniel Riggle. His grandparents, John and Sarah (Shetler) Riggle, were of German extraction.

Daniel Riggle, father of Miles A. Riggle, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and came to Armstrong county when a lad. He died in 1885. His wife, Mary Robb, who was born in 1818, daughter of John and Mary (Shotts) Robb, died in 1904, aged eighty-six years. They had a family of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters: Hettie; Elizabeth; Saloma, who married Hiram Myers, of Bethel township, and had five children; Absalom B.; John, of Texas, who married and had four children; Sarah, who married Wilson Hotham, of Kansas (now deceased), and has three children living; Maria, widow of John McCullough, of Pittsburgh; Augusta, who married I. Spong, of Bethel township, and has five children; James, living in Nevada; Miles A.; Anna, deceased; and D. Thomas, born Oct. 18, 1855, died March 27, 1913, who married Margaret A. Altman, of Burrell township, and has three children.

On Jan. 30, 1890, Mr. Miles A. Riggle married Emma Spencer, daughter of Jacob Spencer, who was born Dec. 5, 1831, in Kittanning;

township, Armstrong county, and died Oct. 2, 1906. On Oct. 2, 1851, he married Delia Klingensmith, of Armstrong county, and they had a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters: Polly and James (deceased in infancy), Joseph, Ellen, Stephen, Rosa, Emma, and another that died in infancy. Mrs. Riggle's grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Waltenbaugh) Spencer, both natives of Armstrong county, and Eli and Margaret (Shoop) Klingensmith. Mr. and Mrs. Riggle have had a family of nine children: Rosa P., born April 2, 1892; Mary M., Sept. 16, 1893; Mira A., Sept. 11, 1895; Roy B., Oct. 15, 1897; John T., Jan. 1, 1899; Ira G., Sept. 25, 1902; Clara E., March 10, 1905; Arthur, Aug. 28, 1908; and Virginia R., July 5, 1911.

Mr. Riggle and his family are Lutherans in religious connection, attending at Brick Church. He has been engaged in farming all his life except for two years when he was a street car conductor in Pittsburgh. His principal crops are grain and fruit, and he also raises some stock.

ROBERT FORB MILLER, a farmer and lumberman of Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, was born in that township, on the farm where he now resides, April 15, 1871, son of John and Susan (De Lancy) Miller.

David Miller, his grandfather, was a pioneer of Plum Creek township, this county, but in his later life moved to Strongstown, Pa., where he died. He had the following children: John, William and Sarah.

The maternal grandfather of Robert Forb Miller, Stephen De Lancy, was also a pioneer of Cowanshannock township, where he developed the homestead upon which he died.

John Miller, son of David Miller, and father of Robert F. Miller, was a farmer, and cleared and improved the farm now occupied by his son Robert F. During the Civil war he served bravely in the 103d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and had the misfortune to be captured by the enemy and taken to Andersonville prison, where for twelve months he suffered the privations and exposures of that frightful place. Finally he was exchanged, and he received an honorable discharge after four years of service. His children who grew to maturity were: Mary Ellen, who married Robert McClenathan; William A.; Harvey E.; Robert F.; Katie M., who married Joseph Blose; and Nettie, who married Peter Garmon.

Robert F. Miller was brought up on the farm he now owns and has always lived upon it. His educational training was received in the local schools. When he attained his majority he commenced farming on his own account, and since 1900 has also been engaged in the lumber business with gratifying results.

On August 18, 1892, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Lizzie J. Rairigh, daughter of Solomon and Carrie (Wagner) Rairigh, of Cowanshannock township. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have six children: Malvin O., Robert H., Luella, Leona, Donald, and Vernon Ray. Mr. and Mrs. Miller belong to the Baptist Church, to which he gives a generous support. Politically he is a Republican, and he is in every respect an admirable citizen.

JAMES G. KELLY, who has owned and occupied his present place in Bethel township, Armstrong county, since 1886, was born Oct. 14, 1841, on his father's farm in North Buffalo township, son of William Kelly, who came from Westmoreland county, Pa. The paternal grandparents were from Ireland.

James Kelly, the great-grandfather, was a native of Ireland and of Scotch-Irish ancestry. In 1750 he came to Lancaster county, Pa., later removing to Cumberland county and in 1771-72 to Indiana county, where he was one of the very first settlers. He took up four hundred acres of land at what is now Tunnelton, his property lying on both sides of the Conemaugh river, and lived on the Indiana side. He had four sons: John; James, who married and had a family; Samuel, a soldier in the Revolution, who married Elizabeth Hemphill; and Alexander.

Alexander Kelly, the fourth son of James Kelly, settled in Armstrong county. He married a Miss Morrison, and was the father of the following children: James, who never married; William; Joseph, who married Sarah Green; and Hamilton, who married Lydia Wolf.

William Kelly married (first) Margaret Green, daughter of John and Polly (Gould) Green, and she died in 1845, the mother of six children, of whom but two survive, James G. and Rebecca, wife of Joseph James, residing at Hersey, Mich. For his second wife Mr. Kelly married Miss Nancy Hancock, but there are no descendants of that union. He died in January, 1883, at Kelly Station, this county, aged eighty-three years.

On Sept. 28, 1862, James G. Kelly enlisted at Kittanning, this county, in Company M,

14th Pennsylvania Cavalry (159th Regiment), which company was composed entirely of Armstrong county men, under Capt. Charles W. E. Welty, who went in as orderly and was mustered out as captain. Mr. Kelly was mustered in at Pittsburgh. He took part in the engagement at Winchester, and in all the battles in the Shenandoah Valley campaign, Averill's great raid, and thirty important battles and skirmishes. Of the original command, but thirty-one men survived to the close of the war.

Upon his return to his native State after his discharge from the army Mr. Kelly was engaged as a boatman for a short time, but he has since devoted his time to farming, in which he has met with prosperity. He now lives on the farm in Bethel township, which he has owned and operated since 1886.

On Nov. 13, 1867, Mr. Kelly married Amanda A. Walker, daughter of James and Jane (Bigham) Walker, of Allegheny county, and they have had a family of eight children, two sons and six daughters, namely: Margaret J. is deceased; Albert, who lives at New Kensington, Pa., is married and has one child, Helen; Ada, who is the wife of R. M. Heggley and lives at Braeburn, Westmoreland Co., Pa., has four children, two sons and two daughters; Edwin lives at Kensington, Pa.; Bertha married A. H. Atkinson, of Callery Junction, Butler Co., Pa., and has two daughters; Carrie, the wife of I. F. Mansfield, is residing in Bethel township; Minnie, who married Charles Myers, of Armstrong county, died Feb. 2, 1910; Lula died when nineteen years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are members of the Crooked Creek Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the G. A. R., holding membership in John A. Hunter Post, No. 123, at Leechburg.

ROBERT E. GOSSER, of Leechburg, Armstrong county, where he is engaged as sheet roller at the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company's plant, is a son of Daniel Gosser, the leading grocer of that borough, and was born July 29, 1873, in Gilpin township, near Leechburg.

Adam Gosser, his great-grandfather, moved from Northampton county, Pa., where he was born, to Westmoreland county, and later to Erie, Pa. There he remained for a short time, removing thence to Pittsburgh and eventually returning to Adamsburg, Westmoreland county. He followed farming and did construction work on the Greensburg and Stoystown turnpike. He lived to old age, dying at Adamsburg. Adam Gosser was twice married, and had the following children: Jacob, a soldier of the war of 1812, who died in Missouri; William; Daniel, who located at Baltimore; Henry, who died in Pittsburgh; Isaac, who went to Nebraska; Adam; Frederick, who died after reaching maturity; Ann Mary; Susanna, and Catherine.

William Gosser, son of Adam, was born Nov. 11, 1803, in Northampton county, Pa., and was a boy when his father settled at Adamsburg. He learned blacksmithing, which he first followed at Adamsburg, in 1840 removing thence to Leechburg, Armstrong county, Pa., where he continued in the same line of work. He retired from active labor about eight years before his death, which occurred in 1888, when he was in his eighty-fifth year. He was a Lutheran and a Democrat, and served as burgess and councilman in Leechburg.

On Nov. 27, 1827, Mr. Gosser was married to Susanna Kistler, who was born July 4, 1808, and died Nov. 29, 1838, at Adamsburg. She was a member of the Lutheran Church. Five children were born to this union: Louisa, June 28, 1830; Daniel, Feb. 18, 1832; Albert M., Jan. 14, 1834; Adam, May 18, 1836; William, Oct. 10, 1838. By his second marriage, to Lucy Punt, Mr. Gosser had the following children: Jacob, born Nov. 22, 1842; Commodore Perry, Feb. 2, 1845; David, Sept. 4, 1847; Darius, Dec. 29, 1849; Franklin P., July 7, 1852; Anna M., April 18, 1855; Sarah E., April 5, 1858; Harry, May 1, 1861; Amanda, Nov. 16, 1864.

Daniel Gosser, son of William, attended public school at Adamsburg and Leechburg. He was with his father in the blacksmith shop until of age, and then for four years followed boating upon the Pennsylvania canal. He then removed to the Allegheny river and for eleven years engaged in manufacturing salt, after which he settled on a farm in what is now Gilpin township, Armstrong county. He lived and farmed there for twenty-three years, meantime also becoming interested in oil wells. Removing from his farm to Leechburg, he built a store there in 1892 and has since been engaged in the grocery and feed business. He is in partnership with his sons Frank and John. Mr. Gosser is a member of the Lutheran Church.

On Feb. 15, 1855, Mr. Gosser married Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Hiram and Margaret (Sheaffer) Hill. She died Sept. 18, 1911, the mother of the following children: Hiram

H., now of Pittsburgh; Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of George Riggle; Margaret, who married George Ehrenfield; William, who was killed by lightning when young; Jefferson, now of Pittsburgh; Frank S., a member of the firm of D. Gosser & Sons, who married Laura Kepple, Aug. 14, 1894, and has five children, Paul H., Clarence E., Kathryn M., Roy P. and Margaret F.; Cora, who lives at home; Robert E.; and John L., a member of the firm of D. Gosser & Sons, who married Alfreda Pfeffer, daughter of Augustus Pfeffer, of Armstrong county, and has one child, John Lewis.

Robert E. Gosser attended public school in Gilpin township and assisted upon the home farm during his youth. Coming to Leechburg, he began work at the sheet mill, and by industry and efficiency advanced himself to his present position, which he has held since 1897. He is a skilled workman and trusted by his employers. Like his family generally, he is an active member of the community in which he lives, and is at present serving as councilman of Leechburg, to which office he was elected in 1909. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a member of the Lutheran Church. Socially he belongs to Leechburg Lodge, No. 577, F. & A. M.

In 1897 Mr. Gosser was married to Margaret Irene Perviance, daughter of Lemuel Perviance, of Armstrong county. They have the following children: Velma, Lucile, Alberta, Lillian I. and Robert G.

THOMAS F. RIGGLE is a farmer of Parks township, Armstrong county, and one of the substantial and respected residents of his locality. He is a son of Jacob and Susanna (Schall) Riggle, and his grandparents on both sides were of German descent.

Jacob Riggle, the father, was born in Westmoreland county, and was twice married, having six children by his first union. His second marriage was to Susanna Schall, a native of Armstrong county, Pa., and they had four children, namely: Gilmer, who died at the age of eight years; Thomas F.; James M., who lives on the old homestead in Parks township (he married Lula Speers, of Bethel township, Armstrong county, and they have four children, one son and three daughters, Hazel, Ethel, Audley and Elsie); and Catherine, who resides with her brother James M.

Thomas F. Riggle was born Aug. 17, 1867, in Parks township, and there grew to manhood, receiving his education at the Higfield school there. At the age of nineteen years he left the farm and went to Apollo, this county, living there for five years, during which time he learned the trade of painter and paper hanger. From there he moved to Muncie, Ind., where he remained for a period of eight years, working in the sheet mill there. For the next ten years he was at Indiana Harbor, Ind., after which he was located at Gary, that State, for a short time. Returning to Pennsylvania, he bought the Samuel Brown farm in Parks township, Armstrong county, upon which he has since resided. It contains sixty-three acres, and under his care is a good paying piece of agricultural property. He has fine fruit on the place.

On Sept. 7, 1893, Mr. Riggle was married to Anna J. Risher, daughter of Frank Risher, of Clarion county, and they have had two children: Floyd M., born April 2, 1895, and Glen William, born April 19, 1898. The family attend the Lutheran Church.

Frank Risher, Mrs. Riggle's father is now living retired at Muncie, Ind., where he was formerly superintendent of the cold rolling department of the sheet mills. Later he was engaged in business there as a general merchant. He married Jane McClure, a native of Philadelphia, daughter of James and Martha (Peebles) McClure, Irish Presbyterians. Mr. and Mrs. Risher reside at No. 1220 South Elm street, Muncie. They have had a large family, seven sons and four daughters: Joseph J., Martha S., (wife of E. S. Secrist), Anna J. (Mrs. Riggle), Amanda Maude (wife of Rev. John Jones), Francis V., Thomas F., John C., Henry W., Daniel L., Margaret L., (who died when six months old) and Warren C. Mr. Risher's father was also named Frank, and his mother's maiden name Schaeffer.

HARRY E. GILCHRIST has been living at his present farm in Burrell township, Armstrong county for eleven years. He is a well-known school teacher in Armstrong county, his work in this line having gained him the highest standing.

Mr. Gilchrist was born Aug. 14, 1867, in Harrison City, Westmoreland county, Pa., son of John and Susanna (Jack) Gilchrist, the former of whom was born in Westmoreland county, of Scottish ancestry, the latter in Armstrong county, daughter of James and Elizabeth Jack. John Gilchrist served to the close of the Civil war in the 105th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His brother David Gilchrist served in the 139th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Mr. and Mrs. John Gilchrist are now living at Coch-

rans Mills, Armstrong county. They have had a family of eleven children of whom three sons and two daughters reached maturity. Harry E. is mentioned below; Joseph W., chief clerk in the post office at Jeannette, Westmoreland county, married Retta Ruppert (they have no children); Sarah Elizabeth is the wife of O. W. Knepshield, a farmer of Burrell township, and they have seven children; Anna Laura married David Gibson and died in 1904, leaving three children; James B., a farmer in Westmoreland county, married Rosa Shaw, of Burrell township, Armstrong county, and has six children.

Harry E. Gilchrist was reared in Burrell township and obtained his education in the common schools and at Apollo. He has lived in Armstrong county from childhood, and has had twenty-two years' experience as a school teacher in the county, in which connection he is very favorably known. He has also been a successful farmer, and has lived on the present farm since 1902. His political support was formerly given to the Republican party, and he is now a Progressive. He has taken some part in the local government, having served as justice of the peace since Dec. 4, 1911, when appointed by the Governor. In religion he and his wife are members of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, in Burrell township.

On April 11, 1894, Mr. Gilchrist married Ella Davis, daughter of James and Nancy (Miller) Davis, of Burrell township, Armstrong county. She died Dec. 5, 1895, leaving one child, Ruth Cleo, born Sept. 19, 1895. On Aug. 30, 1900, Mr. Gilchrist married (second) Susie Klingensmith, daughter of Josiah W. and Lucinda (Knappenberger), Klingensmith, and they have had five children, born as follows: Lucy M., July 2, 1901; Louisa Blanch, May 7, 1904; Frances Elmo, Feb. 2, 1908; Myrna Isabelle, April 20, 1910; Nellie May, May 20, 1913. Mrs. Gilchrist is a granddaughter of Adam and Anna Mary (Kirkland) Klingensmith.

WILLIAM D. KLINGENSMITH has been a lifelong resident of Bethel township, Armstrong county, where he is a successful farmer. He was born there May 21, 1852, son of Henry Klingensmith, who also passed his entire life in Bethel township. The Klingensmiths are of German extraction.

Henry Klingensmith, born Feb. 12, 1811, married Martha Davis, who was of Scotch descent, born Jan. 31, 1815, and to them was born a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters, those besides William D. being: Peter, who is deceased; James, who died while serving in the army during the Civil war; Daniel, deceased; John, who is a railroad man; Sarah, who married Isaac Miller and died leaving four children, three of her sons still surviving; and Susanna, who married L. Criswell, and died leaving one child. The father died March 25, 1871, the mother April 2, 1887, and they are buried at Bethel Lutheran Church. They were Lutherans in religious connection.

On April 9, 1880, William D. Klingensmith married Mary Keeler, of Armstrong county, who was born March 12, 1850, in Kittanning township, daughter of Anthony Keeler, and six of the seven children born to this union survive: Effie, born April 3, 1881, married Eli Boyd, of Bethel township, and has had two children, Rosa and Guy; Dora, born March 20, 1883, married James A. Heggley, and lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Guy, born March 16, 1885, who lives in Steubenville, Ohio, married Anna Blaum, and they have one child, Dora; Clifford was born dead, May 22, 1887; Roy, born Oct. 4, 1888, who lives in Steubenville, Ohio, married Malissa Reufner, and they have one child, Wilson; Beatrice, born Oct. 21, 1890, married Charles Grender, at Toledo, Ohio, and they have two children, Walter and Alberta; Lebeous was born April 25, 1892. Mr. Klingensmith is a member of the Homewood Baptist Church, to which his wife also belonged. She died Jan. 21, 1913, and is buried at Bethel. He is one of the substantial and respected residents of his township, his industrious and useful life commanding the esteem of all who know him. Politically he is a Democrat.

AUGUST KLOSE, of Ford City, Armstrong county, justice of the peace and real estate dealer, formerly proprietor of the "Monroe House," has not been a resident of that section for long, but he is nevertheless well and favorably known there. He is a native of Schlesien, Germany, born March 31, 1855, son of August Klose, Sr.

August Klose, the father, was also born in Schlesien, was a shoemaker by trade, and also followed farming. Coming to America in 1870, he settled at Pittsburgh, Pa., where he was employed in the American Iron Works for twenty years. He is now living retired, making his home with his daughter Mary, in Pittsburgh, South Side. He is ninety-two years old (1914). Mr. Klose married Rose Jägerzehn, a native of Switzerland, who died May 27, 1889. She was a member of the Catholic Church, to which her husband also belongs. They had the following children: John, who

is deceased; Annie, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Julius, a butcher, of Pittsburgh; August; Mary, living in Pittsburgh; and Louise, Sister Amelia of the St. Francis Sisters of Pittsburgh, who died in 1906.

August Klose received a public school education. He lived at home until his marriage, and learned the trade of barber, having a shop in South Pittsburgh after his marriage which he conducted for three years. He was then with George Pastur one year in Pittsburgh, and in 1880, on account of his health, moved to Armstrong county, Pa., settling at Freeport, where he ran a barber shop for a while. He was then in the milling business at West Tarentum, continuing there for over a year, after which he resumed the barber business at Freeport. In 1900 he sold out his establishment there and bought a store of Harry Montgomery, at Kittanning borough. Three and a half years later he sold this place and settled at Ford City, buying the "Wilson House," which he renamed the "Monroe House." He was proprietor of this hotel for three years, operating it very successfully, and upon giving up this line of business was engaged in various enterprises, at present giving his attention to his duties as justice of the peace.

Mr. Klose has taken considerable interest in politics and the local government, and in the fall of 1910 he was elected justice of the peace for Ford City. He is a Democrat in his party allegiance. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Knights of St. George, and in religious connection is a Catholic, belonging to St. Mary's Catholic Church at Ford City. He has become very well known in these various connections, and has made many warm friends.

On Sept. 15, 1875, Mr. Klose married Wilhelmina Keck, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., born Oct. 16, 1856, daughter of Christopher Keck, who was a master teazer in the glass works there. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Klose: Edward, the eldest, died when five and a half years old; Clara, the second, wife of A. B. Ritchey, manager of an orange plantation at Rich Grove, Cal., has two children, Leonard and Charles; Anna, the third, born Sept. 3, 1880, died when one and a half years old; Eleanor, the fourth, born Feb. 1, 1883, died in October, 1886.

J. W. SCHULL, an undertaker of Kiskiminetas township, was born in May, 1845, in Armstrong county, a son of David and Mariah (Shutt) Schull, natives of Pennsylvania.

David Schull lived in Westmoreland county, this State, until he was twenty-four years old, then moving to Armstrong county, where he bought a farm of 125 acres. This farm continued to be his home until his death, in 1857. His widow survived until 1885. Politically the father was a Democrat. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom J. W. is the fifth in order of birth.

J. W. Schull attended common school until he was seventeen years old, but from the time of his father's death he had to help with the farm work. After leaving school he continued to work on the homestead until his enlistment, which took place Feb. 25, 1863, in Thompson's Battery, C, at Pittsburgh. It was attached to the 2d Corps of the Army of the Potomac, was engaged at Gettysburg July 2 and 3, and then used in the defense of forts thought to be in danger. Mr. Schull joined his battery at Brandy Station, Va., and was at Forts Smailer and Ellsworth, whence they went to Fort Ethan Allen, and then to Fort Williams. Following this the battery was sent to Washington for equipment, and was finally discharged at Camp Berry, in June, 1865.

Mr. Schull returned to Armstrong county, joining the family at home, but after a short stay went to Kittanning, where he learned the shoemaking trade, following this calling far twenty-three years. He then came to Kiskiminetas township, where he embarked in the undertaking business, which he is still following.

In 1866, the same year that he arrived in this township, Mr. Schull was united in marriage with Lavina Heckman, daughter of Michael Heckman, an old farmer of Armstrong county. The Heckman family are of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. Three sons and three daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schull: John M.; Cynthia A., now Mrs. H. E. Shomacker; Mary M., now Mrs. James Townsend; Herbert R.; Robert B., and Wilda B., now Mrs. J. E. Bush. Mr. Schull belongs to the Lutheran Church, as does his wife. He was formerly a Democrat, but is now independent in politics, preferring to vote for the men whom he deems best fitted for office.

H. C. LEWIS, a farmer of Brady's Bend township, Armstrong county, was born in Fairview township, Butler county, Pa., June 2, 1879, son of Richard Lewis and grandson of David R. Lewis.

David R. Lewis, who is the first of this family of whom anything definite is known, was born in Wales, and died in East Brady, Clarion county, Pennsylvania.

Richard Lewis, son of David R. Lewis, married Susan Guyer, and they now reside in Perry township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

H. C. Lewis was brought up in Perry township, this county, and after his school days were over began farming. Later he went into the oil fields, and he now operates a farm of eighty-eight acres located one fourth of a mile southeast of Kaylor, in Brady's Bend township. Mr. Lewis is a stockholder in the Sugar Creek Telephone Company, and in addition to his other duties serves as school director, having held the office for five years; he was elected on the Republican ticket, and reelected for two years. He has always supported the candidates of that ticket.

In 1903, Mr. Lewis was married to Agnes Thomas, who was born in Armstrong county, daughter of Evan Thomas, of Perry township, and located on the present property, where his three children, Harry Russell, Ruth and Bessie, have been born.

Mr. Lewis belongs to the Knights of Pythias at Brady's Bend and the Odd Fellows of the same place, and has served both in several offices; he is also a member of the Kaylor Grange. While Mr. Lewis's interests are not confined to one line, he has sufficient energy and business acumen to prosecute them all successfully and acceptably, and is one of the leading men of his township.

URIAH S. KLINGENSMITH, a resident of Logansport, in Bethel township, Armstrong county, justice of the peace, a man of high standing in all circles and of unquestioned business ability, was born Sept. 21, 1854, in Gilpin township, this county, son of Abraham Klingensmith. The Klingensmith family is of German extraction.

Peter Klingensmith, grandfather of Uriah S., was a pioneer in Allegheny (now Gilpin) township, Armstrong county. He married Catherine Wanamaker, a cousin of the father of John Wanamaker, the famous merchant of Philadelphia and New York.

Abraham Klingensmith, father of Uriah S., died Oct. 22, 1907, aged eighty-five years, two months, eighteen days. During the Civil war he was an ardent supporter of the Union cause, and served as enrolling officer in Armstrong county. He was a farmer in Gilpin township, where he was born, and was residing at his birthplace at the time of his death. He married Margaret Turney, of Westmoreland county, Pa., daughter of John Turney, and she survives him, being now (1913) eighty-five years of age. They became the parents of twelve children, namely: John Peter; Peter John, who is deceased; Jonas N., a school teacher, deceased; Isaac T.; Uriah S.; Herbert, deceased; Lydia, deceased; Maggie, married to J. W. Jack, of Gilpin township; Floda, the wife of Robert H. Riggle; Homer, deceased; Jonathan J., who still lives on the old homestead, a tract of 200 acres; and Sarah Volga, deceased.

Uriah S. Klingensmith received his education in the public schools of the county and at Leechburg Academy. For some time he was prominently identified with the iron business in this region, having been president of the Hyde Park Iron & Steel Company, of Hyde Park, Westmoreland county, up to the time it was merged into the American Steel & Sheet Company, later known as the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company. At present he is engaged in farming and attending to his duties as justice of the peace. He is well and favorably known throughout this part of Pennsylvania, in various connections, and is highly esteemed in the fraternal bodies, being a member of the I. O. O. F., of the Royan Arcanum, and a thirty-second-degree Mason. In politics he has been identified with the Republican party. In 1912 Mr. Klingensmith was appointed by Governor Tener justice of the peace, which office he is now filling to the thorough satisfaction of all concerned.

On Dec. 2, 1903, Mr. Klingensmith was married to Anna Margaret Logan, of Bethel township, who is of Irish extraction, being a daughter of Thomas J. Logan, of Logansport. To Mr. and Mrs. Klingensmith has been born one child, Ruth Lucille. Mr. Klingensmith is a member of the Lutheran Church, his wife of the Presbyterian.

Thomas Logan, Mrs. Klingensmith's grandfather, was born in Allegheny county, Pa., and came to this section of Armstrong county in 1836, in its pioneer days, being one of the prominent citizens of the locality throughout his lifetime, and the leading farmer in his district. He owned five hundred acres of land at what is now Logansport. He was one of the early fruit growers of the region, and besides the brick residence which he erected (and which is still standing) he put up a brick building for fruit which is now occupied as a dwelling house. His death occurred July 16, 1882, when he was about eighty-four years old, and his wife, Esther (Hood), died Aug. 20, 1869, aged about sixty-four years. She was a native of Ireland, she and her sister coming to Allegheny county, Pa., when young.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Logan were Presbyterians in religious faith. They were the parents of nine children, viz.: Frances, born in 1824, died in 1825; Elizabeth, born Sept. 4, 1826, died March 14, 1837, of scarlet fever; John, born March 18, 1828, died March 23, 1837, of scarlet fever; William F., born Jan. 6, 1830, married Eliza J. Boney and died Dec. 28, 1900; Ann J., born March 13, 1832, died March 17, 1837; Thomas Jefferson, born Feb. or March 1, 1834, died Nov. 23, 1911; Martha A., born March 8, 1836, died March 22, 1885; James D., born Oct. 1, 1838, married Adeline Boney; John A., born Dec. 19, 1840, died Sept. 1, 1902, was twice married, first to Nettie Gibson, later to Sarah Bailey.

Thomas Jefferson Logan, father of Mrs. Klingensmith, was born in Allegheny county and was brought by his parents to Armstrong county in 1836. He received the last of his schooling at the Elders Ridge Academy in Indiana county, and in his early manhood was engaged in the oil and lumber business in the northern counties of Pennsylvania. He was also a farmer, and for thirty years served as a justice of the peace. On Dec. 15, 1859, he married Mary Olive Lobaugh, of Callensburg, Clarion county, Pa., daughter of David Lobaugh, and they had a family of four children, one son and three daughters: Thomas H., an insurance agent, of Pittsburgh, who married Mattie Owen and (second) Mary Hassell; Anna M. is the wife of Uriah S. Klingensmith; Martha L., unmarried, lives at Logansport, Pa.; Mary L. (twin of Martha) is the wife of John W. Schreiber, of Pittsburgh. The mother of this family died Aug. 7, 1898, the father Nov. 23, 1911, and they are buried at the Appleby Manor Memorial Presbyterian Church in Manor township.

Mrs. Anna Margaret (Logan) Klingensmith received her education in the public schools of her home township and of Kittanning, later attended the State normal schools at Edinboro and Clarion, Pa., and then took up teaching, which she followed for eight terms in Gilpin and Bethel townships, with more than average success.

FRANCIS M. FRIES, proprietor of the Kittanning daily and weekly *Times,* and a man of remarkable attainments, whose life work is being accomplished under the unusual disability of blindness, was born Oct. 8, 1867, at Mahoning Furnace, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of Matthias and Anna M. (Marshall) Fries.

Matthias Fries was born in Nassau, Germany, and came to the United States when seventeen years old, locating in Kittanning. Later his business interests took him to various places in Armstrong county, but eventually he came back to Kittanning, and spent the remainder of his life here, dying in the borough in 1896; his wife passed away in 1892.

Francis M. Fries was educated at the public schools at Kittanning, but when only twelve years old was apprenticed to learn the printer's trade, in the office of the Kittanning *Times,* remaining with this newspaper until 1888. For the following two years he worked as a journeyman printer in various places, in 1890 returning to Kittanning and buying a half interest in the *Times,* becoming its business manager. On March 15, 1909, he bought out his partner, and since then has been sole proprietor of the paper and job printing establishment connected with it.

Some years ago Mr. Fries suffered from a severe attack of typhoid fever. This disease left his eyes weak, and in time the sight of both were destroyed. For years Mr. Fries consulted with specialists, hoping to restore his sight, but finding that his case was one that could not be helped he resigned himself to his blindness, and has now become so expert that it is no longer a serious matter. Possessing a remarkable memory, he distinctly recalls whatever he has heard, and comprehending as he does every detail of his work can give personal supervision to it, although seeing none of it. Mr. Fries also does all the figuring upon his printing contracts, and never makes a mistake. What might have been a source of constant sorrow to another of less cheerful disposition is steadily put aside by Mr. Fries as something quite in the ordinary course of affairs, which he will not permit to worry him or interfere with his work. Since his affliction came upon him Mr. Fries has laid out systematic plans, and carries on his work according to these methods. Early and late he is to be found in his establishment, and it is safe to say that nothing appears in either his daily or weekly that has not been personally supervised by him. His cheerfulness, energy and remarkable success set an example for all who know him, and his many other excellent traits of character combine with these in making him the warm friend of all who have the privilege of his acquaintance.

On Feb. 1, 1891, Mr. Fries was married to Mary D. Toy, of Armstrong county, Pa. Three children have been born to them: Frank T., who is in charge of the mechanical department of the paper; Margaretta C., and Antonina M. Fraternally Mr. Fries is a mem-



Frank M. Fries

ber of the Knights of Columbus, the C. M. B. A., the Foresters, and the Sons of Veterans. Religiously he is a consistent member of the Catholic Church.

WILLIAM NESBITT, of Ford City, Armstrong county, who has lived retired for the last ten years, owns a valuable farm in Manor township and was engaged in the machine business as well as farming before his retirement. He has been an energetic worker, and became successful through his own efforts, his industrious and honorable life commanding the esteem of all who have known him. Mr. Nesbitt was born June 21, 1831, in County Antrim, Ireland, eight miles from Belfast, son of David and Elizabeth (Montgomery) Nesbitt, of the same place. The father was a thatcher by occupation. He came to America in 1850, settling at Pittsburgh, Pa., where he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives, his death occurring when he was fifty-four years old, hers at the age of forty-eight. He did various kinds of work after coming to this country, and for some time was employed in the roundhouse of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had a family of ten children, of whom but two now survive, William and his sister Elizabeth, who lives in Pittsburgh.

William Nesbitt went to the common schools in Ireland, after he commenced work attending night school, and he also went to night school in Pittsburgh after coming to this country. He started alone for America at the age of seventeen years, making the voyage on an old sailing vessel, the "Henry Shelton," which crossed the ocean in six weeks and three days, landing at New York City. He proceeded thence to an uncle in Pittsburgh, James Montgomery, and there learned the machinist's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. For twenty years in all he worked at the trade, during ten years of this period in the employ of McIntosh, Hemphill & Co., in Pittsburgh. In 1869 he bought a farm in Manor township, Armstrong Co., Pa., a tract of seventy-eight acres upon which he continued to make his home for the next thirty years, since which time he has resided principally at Ford City. When the borough was founded he worked at his trade there for six years, from 1884 to 1900, in the employ of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, for three years of this time acting as foreman of the night turn. In 1902 he started a machine shop and foundry of his own at New Kensington, Pa., under the firm name of the Nesbitt Foundry & Machine Company, carrying it on for four years, until he sold out. Since 1906 he has lived retired. He was an enterprising man in his active years, and did well on his farm, the value of which has increased until it is now worth $200 an acre. Mr. Nesbitt is well known in this part of the county, and has always been regarded as a valuable citizen.

In November, 1855, Mr. Nesbitt was married in Pittsburgh to Margaret Darragh, of Scotland, daughter of John Darragh, of Ireland, a machinist, who came to America and settled in Pittsburgh, where he died. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt: Sarah Ella married David Simpson, a farmer, of East Palestine, Ohio; James David, of Steubenville, Ohio, a machinist by trade, now engaged in the manufacture of ice, married Jessie Spencer; Margaret married John H. Kuhns, a glass worker, of Toledo, Ohio; Anna Mary married Michael Mongavin, of Ford City, a molder by trade; Elizabeth married David Halbach, of Manorville, Pa., a molder by trade; William Spratt died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He is a republican in political sentiment.

JOHN RUTHERFORD HIMES, a prominent resident of South Bethlehem, Armstrong county, has been in the employ of the C. E. Andrews Lumber Company from boyhood, and is now yard foreman at their establishment in New Bethlehem. He is a member of the fourth generation of his family to live in this part of the county. His great-grandparents, Christian and Margaret (Nulf) Himes, natives of eastern Pennsylvania, were married there, and in 1808 came to what is now New Bethlehem, Clarion county, locating on a tract of fifty acres. They erected a log house, the first house to be built within what are now the limits of the borough, and there Christian Himes died in 1815, leaving a family of three children, John, Joseph and Susanna. In 1820 his widow married Henry Milliron, and settled in Jefferson county, Pa., where she died in the year 1824. After the death of Christian Himes his children were separated and put to live with strangers. John returned to this locality in 1838 and Joseph in 1848, the latter purchasing the old homestead and engaging in farming; he died there.

John Himes, son of Christian, was the

grandfather of John R. Himes. When he came back to this section, in 1838, he bought a number of acre lots, and settled down to work as a cabinetmaker, following the trade until his death. He married Selvina Space, daughter of Zephaniah and Catherine (Armstrong) Space, and to them were born children as follows: George; Mattie, who married Robert Matson; Mary, who married Henry Fox; Christian; Joseph C.; Theophilus; Maria, who married Hugh Traister; and Alexander C.

Joseph C. Himes was born June 8, 1846, in New Bethlehem, where he was reared to manhood. He learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for a time as a journeyman, later embarking in business for himself as a contractor and builder, in which line he continued to the end of his days. He died in October, 1908, in his sixty-third year. Mr. Himes was a prominent and highly esteemed resident of New Bethlehem, and was elected to the office of burgess for two terms, his service in that capacity being highly acceptable. He was a Democrat in politics. During the Civil war sympathized with the Union cause, and served as a soldier, enlisting May 7, 1862, in Company C, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and being honorably discharged, as corporal, Sept. 11, 1865. He was a member of the M. E. Church and of the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. Himes married Margaret Rutherford, daughter of John and Nancy (Tosh) Rutherford, natives of Ireland who came to America and were early settlers in what is now Porter township, Clarion Co., Pa., where they cleared and improved a farm upon which they continued to live until their deaths. To Mr. and Mrs. Himes were born six children: John Rutherford; Mattie, deceased; Harry E.; William Edgar; Mable, wife of Henry S. Weckerley, and E. Roy.

John R. Himes was born July 28, 1868, in New Bethlehem, where he spent his early life and received a public school education. When a youth he entered the employ of the C. E. Andrews Lumber Company, of New Bethlehem, with which concern he has ever since remained, working his way up gradually but steadily until he attained his present position, that of yard foreman, which he has held since 1897. He has a well-deserved reputation for reliability and good character, and has the confidence of his employers and the respect of all his associates. Since 1889 he has made his home at South Bethlehem, where he has taken an active part in public matters, serving two terms as burgess. He is a prominent member of the Knights of the Maccabees, being one of the supreme representatives of the world in that order, and also belongs to the Sons of Veterans. In political matters he is a Democrat. He holds membership in the M. E. Church.

By his first marriage, to Mary Roberts, daughter of David S. and Kate (Null) Roberts, of South Bethlehem, Mr. Himes had a family of five children: Walter P., Eva C., Leslie R., Mary Helena and George N. The mother died Aug. 3, 1896. On Jan. 30, 1898, Mr. Himes married Jennie B. Woodward, of New Bethlehem, daughter of Absalom Woodward.

SAMUEL BRADY CATHCART, who is ranked among the prominent and progressive farmers of Mahoning township, is a son of Samuel and Margaret J. (McClain) Cathcart, and grandson of Robert Cathcart.

Robert Cathcart was a native of Ireland, and probably the first settler in the limits of what is now Mahoning township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he located in or before 1805, under an improvement right. He was first assessed in 1806 with 330 acres, one horse and three cattle, at $320. The Bostonia Coal Mines are now located on this land. His two-story red house, the first frame building in that section, was for many years one of the very few for many miles around. On March 10, 1810, the commissioners of the county granted him an order for sixteen dollars for killing two panthers. He cleared the timber from part of his tract, and erecting necessary buildings in time had a fine homestead, where his death occurred in 1847, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife was Jane Thom, and their children who grew to maturity were: Samuel; James; John; Clark; Robert; Mary, who married James McClain; Jane, who married Archie McSparrin; Isabel, who married Philip Clover; Margaret, who married Perry Webster; and Eliza, married to Thomas McSparrin.

Samuel Cathcart, son of Robert, was born in what is now Mahoning township Sept. 10, 1805, and there grew to manhood. In 1844 he purchased 100 acres of land now owned by his son Samuel B., cleared most of it and made extensive improvements thereon, and died there July 9, 1892, at the age of eighty-six years. He was twice married, his first wife being Anna Reed, to which union were born children as follows: Robert, a member of the 103d P. V. I. in the Civil war, who died in

Andersonville prison; James, now of Reynoldsville, Pa.; Jane, married to John Anthony; Catherine, married to George Doverspike; Margaret, married to Francis Furlong; and Matilda. All but James are now deceased. Mr. Cathcart married (second) Mrs. Margaret J. (McClain) Brown, daughter of Moses and Sarah (Blakeney) McClain, and widow of William Brown, by whom she had two sons, James I. and William S. Brown, both soldiers in the Civil war. James I. Brown was shot through the lungs in the war, but lived to get home; William S. died at Yorktown, Va., of disease contracted in the service. Mrs. Margaret (McClain) Cathcart's parents were pioneer settlers of Mahoning township. By her marriage to Mr. Cathcart she had three children: Sarah; Isabel, who married John Leech; and Samuel B.

Samuel B. Cathcart was born in Mahoning township March 31, 1856, and was reared on his father's homestead there. He remained here until 1890, when he purchased the farm of seventy-eight acres adjoining where he now resides, and as he now owns the old homestead his holdings cover 174 acres of land. Mr. Cathcart is an up-to-date farmer and his energy and untiring effort have made him a most prosperous one. He employs all modern methods in the conduct of his farm and his product ranks among the best in the county. A public-spirited citizen, his sterling qualities and upright character have won him the admiration of his community, and he has been called to the position of road supervisor of his township, in which he served for five years, and has also served as overseer of the poor and as school director. In politics he votes the Republican ticket.

On June 6, 1879, Mr. Cathcart married Mary C., daughter of George and Elizabeth (Serene) Houser, of Wayne township, Armstrong county, and they have eight children: Maud L., wife of J. P. Hetrick; Charles M., who married Alice Anthony; Laura B., who is married to Merle Barnett; John C., who married Nora Hepler; Henry L., who married Phoebe Hepler; Jennie E., wife of Scott Rearick; Lawrence W., and Mary Anabel. Mr. and Mrs. Cathcart are members of the M. E. Church of Oakland, of which he is a trustee.

EDWARD M. SHAUL, merchant and postmaster at Manorville, Armstrong county, was born Feb. 21, 1868, in Madison township, this county, son of Andrew and Mary (Truby) Shaul, and grandson of John Shaul.

John Shaul was one of the pioneers of Armstrong county, probably settling here in 1800. He married Margaret McCoy and they had four sons: Isaac, Peter, Joseph and Andrew.

Andrew Shaul was born Jan. 1, 1816, along Crooked creek, in Armstrong county, Pa., the youngest son of John and Margaret Shaul. When but thirteen years of age he left home to seek his fortune in the outside world, finding his way into the pine regions and engaging in the lumber business along the Clarion river. For four years he followed the life of a riverman, pushing keelboats, transporting freight and supplies up the Allegheny and Clarion rivers to points in the lumber country. The trips were long and laborsome, the boatmen being obliged at the Armstrong, Reynolds and Portland dams to unload their cargoes, and carry both them and the boats over the dams, reload, and resume their journey.

Andrew Shaul built the first hotel on the Brookville and Olean turnpike road after it was completed, locating it near Sigel, Jefferson county, and conducting it for several years. Following that he formed a partnership with Joseph Irwin, and they went into business at Spring Creek, on the Clarion river. Later Mr. Shaul alone operated two sawmills and a boatyard at Clear Creek, and pursued his business as far down the river as Cincinnati. He was one of the owners of the "Allegheny Clipper," one of the first steamboats that went up the Allegheny.

For a time Mr. Shaul was also engaged in the oil business, but did not continue it long, in June, 1859, taking up his residence on his farm at the mouth of Red Bank creek, which he had purchased from Richard Reynolds. There he resided, interested in agricultural pursuits, until he embarked in the mercantile business at East Brady. In 1882 he moved to Manorville and became one of that town's leading business men and successful merchants, retiring in 1902. His long and useful life came to a peaceful close at his home in Manorville Aug. 5, 1909, following an illness of a month's duration, the infirmities incident to old age being the cause of his death. He was interred in the Kittanning cemetery. For sixty-two years he had been a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Andrew Shaul married Mary Magdalena Truby, who was born in Jefferson county, and (second) Mrs. Mary F. Williams, of East Brady, the latter dying April 20, 1910. Eight of his children are deceased, the following surviving: Edward M., of Manorville; Joseph and James, of Springdale; Thomas, of Oil City; Curtis, of Pittsburgh; and Harry, of

Shelocta, Pa. He left forty grandchildren and thirty-one great-grandchildren.

Edward M. Shaul attended public school at East Brady, in Clarion county, and later the Manorville schools, subsequently having two years of instruction at the Clarion Seminary, after which he engaged in the mercantile business at Manorville, with his father. Following the latter's retirement he continued in business alone. In July, 1903, he was first appointed postmaster at that place, and is now serving under his second appointment.

On July 24, 1889, Mr. Shaul was married to Mary A. Peters, daughter of Harry Peters, and they have three children: Andrew F., Beulah V. and Jenifer E. Mr. Shaul and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the board of stewards. For a number of years he has been associated with the Odd Fellows.

JOHN L. GEORGE, a prosperous farmer of Gilpin township, was born in Burrell township, Armstrong Co., Pa., Oct. 5, 1859, being a son of John George and grandson of Leonard George.

Leonard George came from Westmoreland county, Pa., to Armstrong county about 1830, settling in Burrell township, where he bought a farm which he operated until his death, dying on his homestead. His remains are buried at the Brick Church in Burrell township. The maiden name of his wife was Barbara Gongaware, and she bore him children as follows: Jacob died in Plum Creek township; Philip died in Gilpin township; Peter died in Plum Creek township; John lives in Leechburg; Samuel died at Leechburg; Joseph lives in Indiana county, Pa.; William died in Burrell township; Lewis is living in Plum Creek township. Jacob, Philip, Peter and Lewis all served as soldiers during the Civil war.

John George, father of John L. George, was born in Burrell township April 10, 1832, and in early life was a farmer, but later became a stonemason, working in Leechburg. He now lives retired. He married Barbara J. Shaffer, daughter of John and Barbara (Sowers) Shaffer, and she passed away in May, 1909, and is buried in Evergreen cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. John George were the parents of the following children: Margaret, wife of James Morrow; John L.; Albert E.; William L.; Isaac E.; Herman M.; Edward E., deceased; and Helfrick K., deceased.

John L. George attended the schools of Bethel and Plum Creek townships, and Leechburg and Elderton Academies, and for nine years taught school in Armstrong county. For eight terms he was teaching in Gilpin township, and one term in Plum Creek township. In 1882 he began farming. Setting to work to improve his property, he has developed a very fine farm, which he devotes to fruit growing and stock raising, having met with remarkable success in these lines.

On Sept. 13, 1882, Mr. George married Lydia A. Klingensmith, daughter of Peter and Sarah A. (Shuster) Klingensmith. Mr. and Mrs. George have no children of their own, but they reared a nephew, Ivan W. Ellenberger, now a prosperous business man of Zanesville, O. In politics Mr. George is a Democrat, and has served very acceptably as tax collector, school director for six years, during which time he was president of the board, and justice of the peace in Gilpin township for five years. For years he has been a consistent member of the Forks Lutheran Church, and served on the building committees when the new parsonage and churches were erected. He has been a member of the church council for twenty-five years. For twenty-two years he has been a teacher in the Sunday school, and for fourteen of these years was superintendent, being well fitted to instruct the young and present Biblical subjects in the way to impress them upon their minds.

JOHN ALBERT BOYER, senior member of the furniture and undertaking firm of J. A. & W. J. Boyer, of Rural Valley, was born in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, Aug. 13, 1856, son of Noah and Sarah Ann (Patterson) Boyer.

Peter Boyer, his great-grandfather, born in Germany, became a pioneer of Plum Creek township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he secured land which he developed into a good farm. He died there. He had three sons, John, Jacob and George.

John Boyer, son of Peter, was an early settler of Cowanshannock township, locating in the vicinity of Sauster's Mills, where he developed a farm which is now the property of Christopher Shelter, and died upon it. He married Mary Beer, and their children were: Eliza, who married John Peterman; Noah; William; John A.; Sarah, who married A. J. McIntosh; Susanna, who married Christopher Shetter; Clark; Mary Ann; Alice A., who married H. T. Hawkins; and Archibald.

Noah Boyer was born in Cowanshannock township in 1834, and was there reared to manhood's estate, becoming an intelligent farmer. After his marriage he located in

Plum Creek township, where he developed a portion of a farm of eighty-two acres, and died upon his property in 1878, in his forty-fifth year. His wife, Sarah Ann Patterson, was a daughter of John T. and Catherine (Schreckengost) Patterson. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer had six children: John A.; William J.; Josiah J.; Emma, who married William Espey; Robert C.; and Mary C., who is deceased.

John Albert Boyer was brought up on his father's farm and sent to the local schools. Beginning life as a farmer, he followed that occupation on the homestead until 1892, when he came to Rural Valley and established his present business. This is the oldest established house of its kind in Rural Valley, as well as the most reliable.

In 1883 Mr. Boyer married Ida Elizabeth, a daughter of Adam Wagle, of Rural Valley, and they have children as follows: Edwin G.; Emma B., who married Ira Harmon; Josiah W.; Dessie P.; Lawrence W.; and William Paul, the latter being deceased.

Mr. Boyer is a member of the Reformed Church of Rural Valley, of which he was a deacon from 1907 until 1913, when the church disbanded. He was a member of the council of Rural Valley for two years and has also been a school director. His political ideas make him a Progressive, and at the same time he is a strong advocate of Prohibition.

GEORGE HOUSEHOLDER (deceased) was for many years one of the thrifty and well-to-do farmers of Bethel township, Armstrong county, and the farm upon which he made his home for over half a century is still occupied by his widow and two of his sons.

Mr. Householder was born May 24, 1828, in Westmoreland county, Pa., and passed his early life there, coming to Armstrong county with his parents, John and Elizabeth (Serene) Householder, the latter of French descent. After his marriage he settled in Bethel township, Armstrong county, on the farm where he ever afterward made his home, dying there Nov. 4, 1910. The property consists of 146 acres, and is one of the most valuable farms of its size in the county, not only because of its natural resources, which are excellent, but because of the intelligent and thorough cultivation which has developed these resources to the utmost. There are few places in the county that have been kept up better, no detail of the farm work being overlooked that would add to the value or the appearance of the estate.

On Jan. 28, 1858, Mr. Householder married Katherine Zuver, of Armstrong county, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Claypool) Zuver, the former coming from Mercer county, Pa., and settling in Bethel township, Armstrong county. Mrs. Zuver was born and reared on the Claypool homestead in Bethel township. Her parents were Joseph and Catherine (Ourey) Claypool, her father coming alone to this country from England and settling in what is now Bethel (then Allegheny township, Armstrong Co., Pa., at an early day; he became an important man in that locality. He lived to be eighty-seven years old, his wife dying long before him, when about sixty years old.

In an old history of Armstrong county we find that a blockhouse called the Claypoole blockhouse was built by one James Claypoole near the river bank about eighty rods below Fort Run. It is not known now just when it was built, but it must have been between 1790 and 1796. His wife, Lavina Claypoole, died in the latter year, and was buried a few rods from the graves of the three men killed by the Indians at Bloody run, so called from this unfortunate incident; the Indians had tied a duck to attract the attention of the white men, who were ambushed, and all three fell in the creek.

A family of eleven children was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Householder, eight sons and three daughters, namely: John, who is deceased, married Lizzie Shotts and they had seven children, Howard, Laura, Elmer, Paul, Mary, Frank and Mabel, all living; Margaret is unmarried; William married Matilda McKinney and they have three children, Violet, Henry W. and Roy; George married Florence Grey and had nine children, Bessie, Johnson E. Dale, Catherine, Eddie, Samuel, William, Maud, and two that died in infancy, James and George; Catherine is unmarried; Reuben died when two years old; Samuel married Ellen Boyd and they have five children, Myrtle, Blanch, Arthur, Harry and Godie P.; Thomas J. lives at the old home; Miles married Mrs. Nannie (West) Bowers (they have no children); Elizabeth is next in the family; Joseph Z. is engaged with his brother Thomas in the management of the old farm, where they raise general crops. This family is associated with the Presbyterian Church, the Appleby Manor Memorial Church in Manor township.

S. H. KAMERER, a farmer of Fairview township, Butler Co., Pa., and engaged as an oil producer of Brady's Bend township,

Armstrong county, was born June 25, 1853, a son of Daniel L. Kamerer.

Peter Kamerer, grandfather of S. H. Kamerer, was born in 1788, and died in 1860. He moved from Westmoreland county, Pa., to Armstrong county in the year 1805.

Daniel L. Kamerer, son of Peter, and father of S. H. Kamerer, was born July 23, 1811, and died in 1896 at the home of S. H. Kamerer, aged eighty-five years. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Anna H. Daubenspeck, survived until 1905, when she passed away at the age of ninety-three. They were laid to rest in White Oak cemetery, which is located on a portion of their homestead.

S. H. Kamerer was reared and educated in Butler county, Pa., whither his parents moved from Brady's Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa., his birthplace, when he was two years old. When his father died he began farming for himself, owning 125 acres of land in Fairview township, Butler county, and he is also extensively interested in oil production, leasing 350 acres of land, sixty-five acres of which are in Brady's Bend township, Armstrong county. On the latter property there are three producing wells. His oil business is conducted under the firm name of S. H. Kamerer & Son. The Armstrong county property has not yet been properly developed, but Mr. Kamerer is making arrangements to bring it up to average. The family residence is in Fairview township, Butler county, on the Kittanning road.

In 1882 Mr. Kamerer married Nina Henton, of Erie county, Pa., a daughter of Charles Henton, one of the early settlers of that locality. Mrs. Kamerer's grandfather was a steamboat captain on Lake Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Kamerer have had the following children: Ethel L., Obed G., Edna B., and three who died in infancy. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge and encampment, Knights of Pythias and K. O. T. M. Not only is he a consistent member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, but he serves as elder. Politically a Republican, he has served as a school director for thirteen years in Fairview township, but aside from this has not entered public life.

O. U. DAVIDSON, proprietor of the marble and granite works at Cowansville, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born at Cowansville, May 24, 1867, son of William and Mary (Crawford) Davidson.

William Davidson was born in Ohio in 1811, and his wife in Pennsylvania in 1824. He was a marble cutter, learning his trade in Scioto county, Ohio. For over fifty years he was engaged in business in various cities and towns, in 1865 settling at Cowansville, Pa., where he established a marble and granite business, to which his son succeeded. His death occurred in 1892, his wife passing away in 1904. William Davidson was a man of strong convictions, and during the war espoused the anti-slavery movement, so that when the Republican party was organized he became one of its enthusiastic members. Although self-educated, he was a well-informed man, and able to follow out a question to its logical end. For some years he served as justice of the peace, and he enjoyed universal respect and confidence. He was one of the pioneers in the marble and granite business in Armstrong county.

O. U. Davidson attended public school at Cowansville, and then at the age of eighteen years went into his father's business, which he successfully continues. It is his pride to turn out nothing but the highest quality of work that can be done, and his business shows the result of this care.

On July 2, 1901, Mr. Davidson was married to Ina Fay Ralston, and five children have been born of this marriage: William Raymond, Allen R., Edgar O., Marion F. and Robert G. Mr. Davidson is a member and elder of the Presbyterian Church, and has been superintendent of the Sunday school for fifteen years.

SAMUEL C. BOLE, a veteran of the Civil war, residing at Leechburg, Pa., was born in Gilpin township, Armstrong county, June 16, 1838, son of David and Elizabeth (Shaffer) Bole.

David Bole was one of the early settlers in Allegheny (now Gilpin) township, Armstrong county, where he engaged in farming and worked as a stonemason. His death occurred at Johnstown, Pa., at the age of sixty-four years, and he was interred in the Leechburg cemetery. He married Elizabeth Shaffer, daughter of John Shaffer, and they had ten children, as follows: John, Mary, Fannie, George, James, Harvey, Henry, Isaac, Samuel C. and Margaret.

Samuel C. Bole was reared on the old homestead and attended the township schools. When the Civil war was precipitated he was assisting his father in his farm activities. He had been reared to value the benefits which a united government assured, and when rebel-

lion threatened he was one of the first to decide to enlist to aid in its suppression. He entered Company E, 4th Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Capt. J. A. Herren, and served for three years and ten months, his command being attached to the Army of the Potomac. Although he escaped many of the hazards of war he suffered imprisonment, being captured by the Confederate soldiers at Little Washington, Pa., and was confined in two of the terrible military prisons of the South, Libby and Belle Isle, for eight long months. After he returned home from the army he located at Johnstown, Pa., where he embarked in the mercantile business, continuing thus until the fall of 1884, when he came to Leechburg and has occupied the same residence on Main street ever since. Mr. Bole at present extensively interested in the natural gas business, operating on his own account, and at the same time is looking after his real estate interests. He is a well-known and highly respected citizen.

Mr. Bole was married in 1866 to Annie Wilson, daughter of John Wilson, of Johnstown. She died in 1883, survived by three children, Charles D., Bert and George. Mr. Bole was subsequently married (second) to Phebe Parks, daughter of Bratton Parks, and they have three children: Lucie Parks, who resides with her parents; J. Bratton, who is filling a clerical position in the Weirton (W. Va.) steel mill; and Samuel C., who is at home.

Mr. Bole is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Politically he is a Republican, but has been indifferent to public office. He is one of the oldest residents of Leechburg, and has seen many changes take place in the pleasant town in which he has maintained his home.

EDWARD W. SHOOP, a heater at the plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, of Leechburg, was born in Allegheny (now Gilpin) township, Armstrong county, Dec. 17, 1855, son of David and Catherine Lynch Shoop.

David Shoop was a carpenter by trade, and followed his calling in Allegheny township. Both he and his wife died in 1856, and are buried at the Forks Church in Gilpin township. They had two children, Frank and Edward W.

Edward W. Shoop was reared in Burrell township, there attending public school until eighteen years old. He then spent three years in Colorado and Indian Territory, returning to Pennsylvania in 1883. Until 1886 he was in Pittsburgh, in that year coming to Leechburg, where he began working in the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company. In 1893 he became a heater, and still holds that responsible position.

On Oct. 4, 1899, Mr. Shoop married Kate Ulam Truby, daughter of the late Capt. Henry Truby and his wife Elvina (Hill) Truby. In 1906 Mr. Shoop built his beautiful residence, which is the family home. He is a member of the Leechburg lodge of Elks, and the Odd Fellows, and he and his wife have long been members of the First Lutheran Church of Leechburg. Politically he is a Republican, and he served for six years as a member of the borough council of Leechburg, giving his constituents faithful and honorable service.

GOOD. The brothers D. Marshall, John B. and Calvin S. Good, of Wayne township, Armstrong county, are sons of Peter Good and grandsons of Abraham Good. Their great-grandfather Good was a native of Maryland, and his son Abraham was born near Hagerstown, that State, June 3, 1799. About 1832 he located in Indiana county, Pa., where he purchased the farm upon which he spent the remainder of his life. His death occurred Sept. 9, 1855. On June 17, 1818, he married Margaret Burkett, who was born in June, 1802, and died Jan. 31, 1864. They had children born as follows: Christiana, Nov. 26, 1820; Peter, Nov. 24, 1822; Abraham, Oct. 13, 1824; Isaac, Oct. 31, 1826; Eliza, Aug. 16, 1829 (died Oct. 2, 1844); Nancy, June 17, 1832; John, Sept. 17, 1835 (died Oct. 3, 1844); Margaret, Nov. 22, 1837; Samuel, Dec. 6, 1841 (died Sept. 28, 1844); David, Sept. 2, 1844; Sarah, Aug. 28, 1847.

Peter Good, son of Abraham and Margaret Good, was born Nov. 24, 1822, in what is now Blair county, Pa., and when quite a young man settled at Smicksburg, Indiana county. Thence he removed to Armstrong county in 1871, buying the old Kells farm, which is now owned by his sons John B. and D. Marshall Good. There he resided until his death, Jan. 8, 1896. He is buried at Smicksburg. He was a very successful farmer and stock raiser, taking particular interest and pride in good stock, and often took premiums at the county fairs. He was a public-spirited man, interested in the general welfare, and served as school director in both Indiana and Armstrong counties. Mr. Good married Margaret Catherine Marshall, daughter of John and Elizabeth Marshall, born Feb. 1, 1827, died Jan. 7, 1901; she is also buried at Smicksburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Good were

the parents of four children: D. Marshall, born July 6, 1863; John B., born Sept. 17, 1865, who lives at Dayton, Armstrong county; Calvin S., born Aug. 16, 1867; and Archie A., born April 20, 1870, who died Feb. 8, 1871.

D. Marshall Good, son of Peter Good, is a well-known farmer and business man of Wayne township. He was born July 6, 1863, at Smicksburg, Indiana county, began his education in the public schools, and was later a pupil at the Glade Run Academy, in Wayne township. He remained at home with his parents, following farming, and in time he and his brother John B. Good became the owners of the homestead property in Wayne township, which consists of 175 acres of valuable land. Mr. D. Marshall Good resides upon this tract. The brothers are model up-to-date farmers, using the most approved methods and machinery in their agricultural operations. D. Marshall Good is also engaged in the butchering business, selling his beef wholesale at Dayton, Sagamore and Yatesboro. He and his brother John have 215 acres of woodland and carry on the lumbering business in addition to farming. He is a stockholder in the Dayton Fair Association and the Dayton Normal Institute, and in his various connections with the life of the community has shown himself to be a progressive and enterprising citizen, one of the leading residents of his district. He is a member of the Glade Run Presbyterian Church and identified with the Republican party in politics.

On Jan. 3, 1901, Mr. Good married Mary Burns, daughter of W. T. Burns, of Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, and they have a family of three children: David D., Avalon C. and Loureigh Burns.

Calvin S. Good, son of Peter Good, was born Aug. 16, 1867, near Smicksburg, Indiana county. He received his education in the common schools and at Glade Run Academy, which latter institution he attended for three terms, and with the exception of a year spent in the West passed his early life on the home place with his father. Upon his return to Pennsylvania he married and commenced farming for himself on one of his father's farms in Wayne township, remaining there until his removal to Dayton, Oct. 22, 1901. He has since been engaged in the livery business in the borough, and also continues to manage the cultivation of his farm, which consists of 110 acres. He has twelve horses for hire, and enjoys a steady patronage. Upon his removal to Dayton he bought the old Dr. Crouch property, and he is also the owner of other valuable real estate in the borough. Like the members of his family generally, he is an energetic citizen, has served as councilman of the borough, and is a stockholder in the Dayton Fair Association and the Dayton Normal Institute, supporting all worthy local movements. He is a Republican in politics, and in religious connection a member of the Glade Run Presbyterian Church.

On Aug. 23, 1893, Mr. Good was married to Minnie B. Gallagher, daughter of James and Susan (McCoach) Gallagher, and they have two children: Miriam C., born Aug. 26, 1894, who was graduated from the Dayton Normal Institute, where she took the music course; and James P., born April 7, 1902.

The children of James and Susan (McCoach) Gallagher were as follows: James S., who died in 1906 (he was elected sheriff of Armstrong county, 1897, and was a very popular official); Minnie B., Mrs. Calvin S. Good; William E., of Kittanning, who served as deputy sheriff under his brother; Frank E., and Arthur L.

HAMILTON H. SAY, a farmer of Perry township, Armstrong county, was born Oct. 5, 1840, in Parker township, Butler Co., Pa., son of John and Sarah (Fletcher) Say, both natives of Butler county, of English and Irish descent, respectively.

The paternal great-grandfather of Hamilton H. Say, who was born in England, became one of the first settlers at Slippery Rock Butler Co., Pa. His sister, Esther R. Say, became the wife of the Mr. Harris who founded Harrisburg. The Says devoted themselves principally during the early days to agricultural pursuits, and were largely instrumental in forwarding the development of their several communities. They helped very materially to lay the foundation for the prosperity of western Pennsylvania to-day.

John Say, the grandfather, was born at Slippery Rock, where he was reared. After reaching his majority he married Sarah Martin. Locating on a farm of 300 acres in Parker township, Butler Co., Pa., the clearing and development of this large property was his life work, and he died there. He had a family of three sons and one daughter: James, John, William and Fanny (who married Samuel Jack).

John Say, son of John Say, and father of Hamilton H. Say, was born Jan. 26, 1810, in Parker township, Butler Co., Pa., where he spent his entire life, operating 100 acres of

the family homestead, left to him by his father. His death occurred in 1896, and his wife died Oct. 5, 1853. Of their family, six grew to maturity, namely: Hamilton H.; Elizabeth, deceased, wife of John Cannon; Sarah and Annie, who both died unmarried; John T., deceased; and Perry, who resides near West Sunbury.

Benjamin Fletcher, father of Mrs. John Say, was born in Connecticut, and became a pioneer of Parker township, Butler Co., Pa. There he became prominent in several ways, building a grist and saw-mill which he operated until his death. His daughter Sarah married John Say, and they became the parents of Hamilton H. Say.

Hamilton H. Say spent a pleasant boyhood on the family homestead, where he alternated attending district school with working for his father. Thus engaged he learned farming at first hand, and has always devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. His life has been spent in Perry township since 1874, when he bought the fine farm of seventy-seven acres he now occupies and operates.

During the Civil war Mr. Say proved his patriotism by enlisting, Oct. 7, 1861, in Company C, 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, with which he served until June, 1864, when he was transferred to Company A, 190th Pennsylvania Volunteer Veterans, known as the famous Bucktails or Kane Rifles. Mr. Say was honorably discharged from the service Oct. 6, 1864, in front of Petersburg, Va. He participated in the battles of Mechanicsville and Gaines' Mills, and had the misfortune of being captured with his regiment at the latter engagement, June 27, 1862. They were confined in Libby prison and the one on Belle Isle in all for forty days, when they were exchanged after a very unhappy experience. After rejoining his regiment Mr. Say was stricken down with typhoid fever, but recovered in time to participate in the battle of Gettysburg, the Wilderness campaign, and the engagements at Spottsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, siege of Petersburg, and others. He is a member of Craig Post, No. 75, G. A. R., of which he is now commander, and belongs to the Loyal Legion in Butler county, Pa.

On Dec. 15, 1864, Mr. Say was married to Margaret J. Hutcheson, daughter of David and Mary (Porter) Hutcheson, of Perry township. Seven children have been born of this marriage: Warren D.; Sarah, wife of Dr. A. J. Edmonds; Annie, John P.; Charles E.; Edwin G.; and Mabel, deceased. Mr. Say and his family belong to the First Presbyterian Church of Parker City, which Mr. Say has served as elder since 1865. He has held nearly all of the township offices, always elected on the Republican ticket, as he is a firm adherent to the principles of that party. He has served five years as justice of the peace. In every relation of life Mr. Say has shown himself to be a man of high principles, whose determination has been to live according to the religious faith he professes.

CHARLES MARDORF, at present assessor and tax collector for the borough of Freeport, Armstrong county, was born Dec. 27, 1848, in Melsungen, Hessen-Cassel, Germany. He has been a resident of Freeport for forty-five years.

John Mardorf, his father, was born in 1806 in the same place, and married Catherine Wickman, who was born there in 1807. He was a tanner by trade. He came to America in 1852, the voyage taking six weeks, and the family located in Butler county, Pa., at Butler, where the father followed his trade and died in 1859. The mother died there in 1886. They were members of the German Reformed Church. Their family consisted of seven children: William, a tanner, died in Butler, Pa.; Catherine, deceased, married William Bauers, of Butler; August, deceased, was a cabinetmaker by trade; Elizabeth, widow of Charles Sanders, lives in South Pittsburgh; Teresa, Mrs. Bolander, lives on the South Side, Pittsburgh; Christian, born Jan. 23, 1847, moved to Freeport, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he established himself in the tanning business, having one of the most important industries of the borough in its day, and is now a dealer in hides and tallow at the head of the firm of C. Mardorf & Sons, of Cheswick, Pa.; Charles is at Freeport.

Charles Mardorf had only limited educational privileges and is for the most part self educated. At the age of sixteen years he started to learn the harnessmaker's trade, at which he worked two years. Later he took up the tanner's trade, following that line of work for twenty years. Forty-five years ago, in 1868, he moved to Freeport, Armstrong county. Mr. Mardorf is an intelligent and well informed man, and he is a much respected citizen of the borough where most of his life has been passed. For many years he has been active in politics and public affairs, as a zealous member of the Republican party. In 1889 he served as judge of elections. He was a member of the borough council for fifteen

years, and in 1907 he was elected assessor and appointed tax collector, which offices he has filled continuously since. His long retention in every public trust to which he has been called is sufficient evidence of the satisfactory service he has given to his fellow citizens.

In 1873 Mr. Mardorf married Elizabeth McGinley, of Freeport, daughter of John and Catherine (Gallagher) McGinley, who were from Ireland and came to Freeport at an early day. Mr. McGinley ran a hotel and also engaged in teaming. Mrs. Mardorf died June 18, 1911. She was the mother of five children: John, living at home, who is employed as clerk in the Cornell Coal Company's office; Charles, who died at the age of eight years; Catherine, at home, a stenographer; Edward, who was killed in 1905 on the Pennsylvania railroad at Johnstown, Pa.; and Mary, who is in a convent at Baden, Pa. Mrs. Mardorf and the children are members of the Catholic Church.

WILLIAM D. MORGAN, a farmer of Sugar Creek township, was born in County Down, Ireland, Nov. 4, 1845, son of Hugh Morgan, and grandson of Edward Morgan. The latter, who was of Welsh-Irish descent, died in Ireland.

Hugh Morgan, son of Edward Morgan, was born in County Down, Ireland, where he was reared and sent to school. He married in that county Christina MacMurrey, of Scotch-Irish parentage, daughter of Alexander MacMurrey, now deceased, formerly of Ireland. Twelve children were born of this marriage, all in Ireland, viz.: James A., Edward, Robert, Benjamin, Samuel, Hugh, William, George, two who died in infancy, Nancy and Sarah. Hugh Morgan was a linen weaver by trade, but not finding sufficient work to care for his large family he left Liverpool, England, on Oct. 7, 1854, for the United States, and landed at Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 7th, having made the trip on a sailing vessel. After landing he worked at Maple furnace in Butler county, Pa., for a period of two years, when he began farming in Parker township, Butler Co., Pa., there remaining until about 1871, when he came to Sugar Creek township, Armstrong Co., Pa. He settled on a partially improved property, and although he was then sixty years old, assisted in the work of further cultivating it. His death occurred on this farm March 13, 1888, when he was aged ninety-four years, and he is buried at Parker, Pa. He died firm in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member. His wife died at the age of eighty-one years, and they are buried side by side. From the time he cast his first vote Mr. Morgan was a Republican.

William D. Morgan attended school for one term in his native land before the family emigration, but had also been taught at home, for on his first day at school it was found that he could read in the third reader. After coming to the new home his services were required on the farm, and later he worked in the oil fields until his marriage, when he settled on the homestead, which has continued to be his home. He has erected the present farm buildings. About thirty-five acres of the 110-acre farm is in woodland, and on the remainder he carries on general farming, and raises pure bred Percheron horses.

Mr. Morgan married Mary Guiney, who was born in County Down, Ireland, daughter of the late Robert Guiney. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have had the following children: Sadie J., who is at home; George A., who married Annie Herbert; Robert James; Hugh C., who is deceased; Agnes Christina, who married T. A. McGarvey; Mary Eliza, at home; Samuel Blaine, who married Elva King and lives in Sugar Creek township; Joseph, at home; and Frank, also at home.

Fraternally Mr. Morgan is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Alpine Lodge, No. 479, in which he has passed the chairs, and he is a member of the grand lodge. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church. A lifelong Republican, he has been auditor for one term, assessor for nine years and school director for one term, and has proved himself an efficient and capable official.

CHARLES E. MEALS, one of the active workers in the Republican party of Armstrong County, and a responsible citizen of Kittanning, was born in North Buffalo township, this county, April 16, 1872, son of William M. and Lucretia (Jack) Meals, and grandson of Jacob Meals.

Jacob Meals was born in Butler county, Pa., and became a farmer. He married Catherine Varnum, and they had five children: William M.; Mary, wife of a Mr. McCool; John; Lydia, wife of John Hoover, and Enoch H. The parents were members of the German Lutheran Church.

William M. Meals was also a farmer, and lived in Armstrong county. He had eleven children: Madison; Melissa, wife of William A. Long; Jacob T.; Samuel J.; William J.; Albert N.; Catherine E., wife of William Min-

turn; George; Henry D. W.; Annie L., wife of William A. Davidson; and Charles E. The parents of this family also belonged to the German Lutheran Church. The father passed away in 1900, the mother Sept. 7, 1913.

Charles E. Meals attended public school until about sixteen years old. He then entered school at State Line, but leaving in a short time returned home, and took charge of the homestead which he improved to a considerable extent, operating it during the summer, and in the winter he worked in a rolling mill, in the oil fields, at teaming, etc. Mr. Meals continued to divide his time in this way until 1898, when he began teaching school, having prepared himself for this profession in his spare moments. For six years he taught in Armstrong county, and then accepted a position as traveling salesman with a Pittsburgh house, continuing in its employ for a year. In 1908 he moved to East Franklin township, on a place which continued to be his home until June, 1911, when he changed to a valuable farm he had purchased in the same township, about two and a half miles from the city.

From the time he cast his first vote Mr. Meals has been prominent in Republican politics, and in 1904 was elected justice of the peace, serving for five years. In 1905 he was elected county commissioner, and reelected to that office in 1908. On Aug. 22, 1911, he was elected chairman of the Republican county central committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. H. McFarland, and reelected for two-year term in 1912. Mr. Meals is manager of and a stockholder in the Kittanning Telephone Company, and is recognized as a reliable business man.

On Nov. 2, 1904, Mr. Meals was married to Cora V. Miller, daughter of William H. Miller, of East Franklin township. Mr. and Mrs. Meals have two children, Charles G. and Ida V. Mr. Meals is a Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge No. 244, Kittanning; Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M.; Pittsburgh Commandery, K. T.; and the Coudersport Consistory; and is also a member of the Odd Fellows at Craigsville, Pa., the Order of United American Mechanics, and the Elks at Kittanning.

FRANKLIN J. KIMPEL, farmer and stock raiser of Kittanning township, Armstrong county, at present serving as supervisor, has passed all of his life on the old Kimpel homestead where he now resides. He was born there in 1862, son of John and Anna Catherine (Darbaker) Kimpel.

John Kimpel, the father, was a native of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, learned the trade of wheelwright, and married Anna Catherine Darbaker, also of Hessen-Darmstadt. Coming to America in 1853, in a sailing vessel, he landed at New York City, proceeding thence by canal to western Pennsylvania, to Leechburg, Armstrong county. He located first on a farm near Kelly Station, where he lived for four years, and then bought the place of 135 acres now occupied by his son Franklin. He built the house and made many other improvements during his lifetime, the barn and the other substantial buildings which add so much to the value of the property being put up by the present owner. He also embarked in the mercantile business, selling through the country from a wagon for a number of years, and in 1872 he went to Kittanning, where he had a store for five years. His industry and good management brought him success, and his honorable methods won him the respect of all who had dealings with him. He died in 1896, at the age of seventy-six, and his wife lived to the age of eighty. In religious belief he was a Lutheran, in politics a Democrat. He and his wife had a large family, namely: Elizabeth, born in Germany, died there; Conrad (deceased) was a farmer in Kittanning and Burrell townships; Elizabeth (2) married J. A. Woodward; Jacob, who died in 1907, at the age of fifty-nine, learned the baker's trade and later followed farming (he married Alice Rupert and they had two children, Perry C. and Maude P.); Lewis Edward was formerly engaged as a barber and is now a postal clerk at Driftwood, Pa.; Emma C. (deceased) married Fred A. Wood, master mechanic for the Westinghouse Company at Hammond, Ind.; Franklin died in infancy; Franklin J. is mentioned below.

Franklin J. Kimpel received a common school education. He has always lived at home, taking care of his parents in their old age, and improving the farm until it is now one of the most up-to-date places in this locality. He carries on general farming, raises berries and other fruits, and garden stuff, and has been very successful with his Jersey cattle, fine draft horses, O. I. C. hogs and Grey Wyandotte chicks. His intelligent management and well-directed labors have been well repaid, and he is considered one of the most progressive farmers in Kittanning township. He has given some attention to the local government, having served two years on the township school board, and is at present supervisor. In politics he is identified with the Democrat-

party. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

On April 7, 1886, Mr. Kimpel married Susanna Hankey, of Kittanning township, who died Nov. 2, 1892. In 1896 he married (second) Martha A. Miller, of Logansport, Pa., whose parents were farming people, formerly of Kittanning township, both now deceased. Her mother's maiden name was Sarah J. Klinglesmith. Mr. Kimpel is the father of the following children: Elvena B., who lives at home, and who has been a teacher in Kittanning township for several years; Elsie F., wife of Edw. Guidel, a mill man and carpenter of Kittanning township (they have one child, Mildred E.); Harry L., a carpenter and contractor, who lives at home; John F. and Grace M., at home.

JAMES D. LOGAN, a farmer of Manor township, Armstrong county, was born Oct. 1, 1838, in Bethel township, this county, son of Thomas and Esther (Hood) Logan, the latter of whom was born in Ireland, but came to the United States when quite young.

Grandfather John Logan was born in Ireland, and came to this country in young manhood, settling at Bakerstown, Allegheny Co., Pa., where he bought a large tract of land.

Thomas Logan, son of John, and father of James D. Logan, was born on the old homestead in Allegheny county. In early life he was a distiller at Bakerstown, continuing in that business ten years, and then came to Armstrong county. Here he bought a large farm, which he operated the balance of his life. The town of Logansport was named after him, and he died there April 13, 1897, and is buried in Manor cemetery. For many years prior to his demise he had been a member of the Presbyterian Church, serving same as elder for several years. His wife died in 1884. They were the parents of five children: William, Thomas, Martha, James D. and John A.

James D. Logan was educated in the local schools of Manor township, an academy, and the Iron City business college at Pittsburgh, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1862. He has devoted most of his active years to farming, with very gratifying results and has also followed his trade of carpenter, having been employed in that capacity at the Ford City plate glass works for twenty years.

In 1863 Mr. Logan was married to Adaline Boney, daughter of James Boney, of Armstrong county. They had five children: Harry W.; Carrie, deceased; Martha, deceased; Ollie; and Myrtle, wife of E. E. Schaffer. Myrtle and Martha both died in 1910. Martha was a graduate of Kittanning hospital, and was a trained nurse; she was also a graduate of a New York hospital. Myrtle was also engaged as a nurse for about a year prior to her marriage.

Mr. Logan is a member of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 792, of Brady's Bend, and has passed all the chairs in this lodge. For many years he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church. He has served as superintendent of the North Buffalo and Bethel townships Sunday school. When Pennsylvania called for help during the Civil war he enlisted in the 22d Pennsylvania Regiment and went out to defend his state, serving but a short time, however, when his regiment was honorably discharged in 1863.

J. H. AMBROSE, a farmer of East Franklin township, Armstrong county, was born April 7, 1853, in this county, son of Frank and Rebecca (Dougherty) Ambrose.

Benjamin Ambrose, his grandfather, was of German descent. He had a family of seven children. His death occurred many years ago.

Frank Ambrose was born in 1830, in Westmoreland county, Pa., and at an early date his parents brought him to East Franklin township, this county. His wife was born in 1832 in Washington county, Pa. They had a family of ten children, eight of whom are still living. The father died Feb. 2, 1906, the mother in 1888. In political faith Mr. Ambrose was a Republican. He was a man of good common sense, and the common school training he received was well supplemented by his experiences in life.

J. H. Ambrose was the eldest in his parents' family and remained at home with his father, giving him assistance as long as he lived. After attending district school, he took a commercial course in the Iron City Business College of Pittsburgh, and coming home resumed his agricultural duties. The farm once owned by his father is now his property. It is well stocked with good horses and cattle, and he specializes in the production of apples, peaches and grapes, his orchard and grape arbor being in splendid condition.

On March 27, 1901, Mr. Ambrose was married to Ida Florence Miller, daughter of William and Julia Miller. One daughter, Anna Maud, was born to this union, and died Aug. 15, 1911, aged nine years, one month, and ten days. Mr. and Mrs. Miller reside with Mr. Ambrose; he was born in New York State in

1832, and his wife in Clarion county, Pa., in 1840. They are all members of the M. E. Church and in politics believe in the principles of the Republican party.

WILLIAM COCHRAN (deceased), who for a number of years was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Armstrong county, was a veteran of the Civil war, in which he received injuries that caused him to be partially disabled throughout his life. He was born in Indiana county, Pa., Feb. 16, 1840, son of Alexander and Sarah (Strauss) Cochran.

Samuel Strauss, the maternal grandfather of William Cochran, was a pioneer of Indiana county, where he became a property owner and substantial farmer. He suddenly disappeared one day while plowing in his fields, and it is supposed that he was captured and murdered by Indians, as he was never again heard of. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rebecca Buckley, afterwards married John Heffelfinger.

Alexander Cochran, father of William Cochran, was a native of Ireland, and when a young man emigrated to the United States. In 1856 he purchased the property where his son William's widow is now living, a tract of 104 acres, and there he continued to be engaged in farming during the remainder of his life, dying in 1872. He married Sarah Strauss, who was born at Shelocta, Indiana Co., Pa., and they became the parents of three children, namely: Rebecca, who married Lewis Wagner, of Indiana county; William; and Lillie, who married Jacob Shank, of Indiana borough.

William Cochran, son of Alexander Cochran, came to Cowanshannock township with his parents in 1856, and was here engaged in farming until Sept. 17, 1861, when he enlisted in Company A, 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Col. William Sirwell. At the battle of Stone River, Tenn., he was twice wounded, once in the left side and once in the sciatic nerve of his right foot, the latter wound, which never entirely healed, causing him to be disabled during the rest of his life. On receiving his honorable discharge, on account of disability, he returned to his farming operations, in which he was engaged until his death, which occurred Feb. 21, 1900.

On September 15, 1864, Mr. Cochran was married to Mary J. Henderson, daughter of William and Sarah (Willis) Henderson, natives, respectively, of England and Ireland. Her paternal grandfather was Benjamin Henderson, of England, a pioneer of Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, who cleared up part of a farm and died there in 1857. He was twice married, his first wife being Nancy Rose and his second Susan Anderson. Mrs. Cochran's maternal grandfather was John Willis, of County Derry, Ireland, also a pioneer farmer of Plum Creek township, where he died, being buried in St. Thomas cemetery. His wife was Sarah Minteer. There were nine children born to William and Mary J. Cochran, of whom eight grew to maturity: Sarah E., who was the wife of Robert Reynolds; Nancy J., wife of L. A. Grunley; Nathan Alexander; Dillie, the wife of Curtis Bell; Hannah; James E., married and living in Hammond, Ind.; Henderson; and John E., married and living in Hammond, Ind. Nancy, Alexander, Dillie, James and John are living.

Mr. Cochran was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Rural Valley, to which his widow also belongs. He was a faithful comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic and a member of the Odd Fellows, in both of which he had numerous friends, as he had, indeed, wherever his many excellent qualities of mind and heart were known. A Republican in his political views, he served for sixteen years as a supervisor of Cowanshannock township, and gave to his duties the same earnest and conscientious attention that characterized his private activities. Mrs. Cochran, who survives her husband, resides on the old homestead place, which she bought after the death of her father-in-law, at the administrators' sale, her people helping her to purchase it. She is seventy-two years of age, and at this writing (1912) has twenty grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The family is well known throughout Armstrong county, where its members are held in the highest esteem.

HOMER J. BEATTY, who has served as auditor of Bethel township, Armstrong county, and is one of the substantial farmers of that locality, was born Aug. 5, 1869, on the old Beatty farm in that township, son of Michael and Rebecca J. (Davis) Beatty, both of Armstrong county. His grandfather, James Beatty, was Scotch-Irish, and his grandmother, Catherine (Richards), was of German descent.

Michael Beatty was born Dec. 30, 1835, in what is now Bethel township, and died July 17, 1904. He was a farmer and carpenter. On Oct. 13, 1859, he married Rebecca J. Davis, born Feb. 18, 1837, and they had four chil-

dren, two sons and two daughters: Lizzie, who became the wife of W. F. Logan and died at the age of twenty years; John, born Aug. 20, 1860; Homer J.; and Ida, born Feb. 2, 1862, who died Jan. 8, 1864.

Homer J. Beatty was reared and educated in Bethel township and has become one of the well-to-do farmers of his section. He is a much respected citizen, and his neighbors and friends in the community have shown their confidence in him by electing him to the position of auditor.

On Feb. 14, 1906, Mr. Beatty was married to Carrie I. Spang, born Aug. 12, 1886, and they have one son, Everett Homer, born Jan. 8, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Beatty attend the Methodist Church, in which he is an active worker serving as deacon. Fraternally he is a member of White Rock Lodge, No. 979, I. O. O. F. On political questions he is a Democrat.

The Spang family, to which Mrs. Beatty belongs, is of German origin. Her parents were Amos and Mary Ann (Klingensmith) Spang, the latter a daughter of Joseph and Maria (Klingensmith) Klingensmith (they were not related, though bearing the same name), who resided in Bethel township. They were General Synod Lutherans.

A. J. McMILLEN, one of the leading optometrists of Armstrong county, proprietor of the McMillen Optical Company, No. 127 North McKean street, Kittanning, was born June 20, 1860, in Mahoning township, this county, being a son of Robert and Nancy (Moore) McMillen, and grandson of John McMillen. Mr. McMillen came of Scotch-Irish parentage and is therefore of good hardy stock.

A. J. McMillen attended public school, and later the Philadelphia Optical College, from which he was graduated in 1901. He also took a course of study at the South Bend College, South Bend, Ind. Mr. McMillen began the practice of his profession at Punxsutawney, Jefferson Co., Pa., remaining there for five years. He then located at Newark, Ohio, but after a few months came to Kittanning, arriving here in 1906. Since then he has built up a large and valuable practice, and is an eye specialist of marked ability. His parlors are admirably fitted for all the requirements of his practice, and he gives satisfaction to his many patrons.

In 1884 Mr. McMillen was married to Sarah E. Mohney, daughter of Lewis and Rebecca Mohney. The following children were born to this marriage: V. Grace, Estella M., Ina P. (deceased), Cora R. and Florence. Mrs. McMillen died Dec. 12, 1894. On Feb. 9, 1905, Mr. McMillen was married (second) to Anna R. Rupert, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Rupert, of Clarion county, Pa. She was educated in the public and high schools of her native county, subsequently entering the Northern Illinois College of Optics, Chicago, from which she was graduated in a course of optical studies in 1905. She then entered the Kansas School of Optometry, at Topeka, Kans., graduating therefrom Jan. 17, 1906. Mrs. McMillen is an expert in her profession, and she and her husband work together very harmoniously, being well equipped for their business. Both have a large following, and thoroughly deserve the success which crowns their expert efforts. Mr. McMillen is a member of the Knights of Malta, the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and the Royal Arcanum, and a past officer in all of the lodges to which he belongs.

J. R. COULTER, farmer and justice of the peace, in South Bend township, Armstrong Co., Pa., is a native of that township, born March 15, 1855, son of Joseph T. and Eliza (Lambing) Coulter.

Samuel Coulter, his grandfather, came to America from Ireland and at an early day settled near Avonmore, in Armstrong county.

Joseph T. Coulter, son of Samuel Coulter, was born in Armstrong county, Pa., in 1822, and died in 1878. He was an excellent farmer and good business man, and at the time of his death owned 300 acres, which by hard labor he had converted into a richly producing farm. He had started out in life a poor boy and it was entirely through his own efforts that he acquired much more than independence. He was an active member of the Democratic party in South Bend township for many years and served in minor offices. Fraternally he was associated with the Masons. In 1847 he married Eliza Lambing, who died in 1896, and they had seven children, J. R. Coulter being the only survivor of the family.

Until he was sixteen years of age J. R. Coulter attended school regularly, and he enjoyed three terms of instruction at the Elder's Ridge Academy. He has been a continuous resident of his township and during his entire mature life has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. His productive farm contains 250 acres of finely cultivated land. Having lived among his fellow citizens so long and won their respect and esteem and their confidence

in his integrity and superior judgment, it seems particularly fit that he should fill the office of justice of the peace, to which he was first elected in 1895. Both officially and personally he is a highly regarded and popular citizen of South Bend township.

Mr. Coulter was married Nov. 2, 1882, in Armstrong county, to Laura Miller, who died in 1900. She was a daughter of E. Miller, of Spring Church. Of their eight children there are six survivors: Vinnie M., Joseph T., Rose L., Olive B., Jessie B. and Archer A. The eldest daughter is the wife of F. H. Baker. Mrs. Coulter was a lady of many virtues and will long be remembered by a wide circle of friends. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Elder's Ridge, to which Squire Coulter also belongs. He cast his first presidential vote for Horace Greeley and declares his present political sympathy to be with the progressive branch of the Democratic party. For many years he has been a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

ROBERT R. CAMPBELL, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Sugar Creek township, is a member of one of the oldest families of his section of Armstrong county. He was born Jan. 20, 1863, on the farm where he now lives, this being part of the property purchased by his grandfather, William Campbell.

William Campbell came to this country from Ireland, and made a permanent home in Armstrong county, Pa. When he settled on his purchase of 440 acres in Washington (now Sugar Creek) township it was all wild, in the woods, and though the Indians were still numerous he never had any trouble with them. The log cabin he built for his first home is still standing, and there he reared his family, which consisted of two sons, John N. and Robert, the latter dying at the age of five years. William Campbell was prominent in the public affairs of his locality, and in politics was associated with the Democratic party. He lived to the age of ninety-four years, dying July 6, 1885, and is buried at Kittanning. His wife, Sarah (Nelson), died Feb. 24, 1869, and is buried in the Kittanning graveyard.

John N. Campbell, son of William, always remained at home with his parents and farmed the place until his retirement, when his son Robert succeeded to its management. He married Nancy Montgomery, who died April 23, 1879, at the age of fifty-three, Mr. Campbell surviving her thirty years. His death occurred in 1909, when he was eighty-one years old. They had a family of four children: Mattie, Mrs. W. R. Bowser; Robert R.; Maggie, Mrs. Hugh Thompson, and Sadie, Mrs. David Welton.

Robert R. Campbell has spent all his life in the old homestead, and he now owns and cultivates 269 acres of the original tract bought by his grandfather, being one of the most prosperous agriculturists of the locality. He followed stock raising as well as general farming, and has made a success of both lines, devoting all his time and energies to his work. Though a loyal and public spirited citizen, he confines his activities to supporting and encouraging good movements, never aspiring to office himself. In political opinion he is a Democrat.

On April 9, 1895, Mr. Campbell was married to Cora Burk, a native of Armstrong county, daughter of Charles Burk, and they have had eight children, of whom four survive: Carrie, Grace, John and William. Edward, Margaret, Mabel and Viola are deceased.

REV. TERENCE McCABE, priest in charge of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Coraopolis, Allegheny Co., Pa., was born Dec. 1, 1867, in County Cavan, Ireland, son of John and Bridget (Smith) McCabe.

Father McCabe secured his classical and ecclesiastical education in Ireland, and came to the United States in November, 1898. Immediately upon his arrival here he proceeded to Pittsburgh, Pa., to become assistant priest at the Mount Washington Catholic Church. Later he was sent as assistant priest to St. John's Church, in Altoona, Pa., and held the same office at St. John's Church (South Side), Pittsburgh; St. Patrick's Church, Newry, Pa.; St. Patrick's Church, Pittsburgh; and St. Alphonsus Church, Murrinsville, in Butler county, Pa. In June, 1906, he became priest in charge of St. Mary's Church at Freeport, where he remained five and one-half years. He organized the Catholic parochial school in Freeport, and had placed it and the church in a flourishing condition. In December, 1911, Father McCabe was transferred from Freeport, Pa., to Coraopolis, Pa., and has charge of the Catholic Church in that borough at present.

JOHN H. HUSTON, a farmer of Manor township, was born June 15, 1843, in Armstrong county, Pa., son of John P. and Elizabeth (Hindman) Huston.

The paternal great-grandfather was a native of Ireland who settled in Cumberland county,

Pa., at an early period in the history of the State, and there followed farming.

Samuel P. Huston, son of the original Huston in America, was born in Cumberland county, where he too followed farming.

John P. Huston, son of Samuel P., and father of John H., learned the trade of carpenter, and followed that calling several years, but later in life was a farmer. He bought the farm on which his son John H. now resides, in Manor township, in 1848, dying there in 1880; his wife passed away in 1872. They were the parents of eleven children, two of whom died young, the others being: Thomas M., who was a soldier of the Civil war, in Company A, 8th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was killed on the first day of the seven days' fight before Richmond; Eliza, who married Jefferson Williams and (second) Joseph Irwin; Rosanna, wife of James Atkinson; Samuel P., who was first in the 25th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and later in the 197th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; John H.; William; David H.; Harvey S.; and Mary, wife of Prof. Alexander T. Osmand, president of Grove City (Pa.) College.

John H. Huston was educated in the public schools of Armstrong county, and all his life has been engaged in farming. On June 23, 1863, he enlisted in Company B, Second Six Months' Volunteers of Pennsylvania, and was discharged Jan. 20, 1864. He reenlisted Aug. 11, 1864, in Company A, 5th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, from which he was discharged July 7, 1865, at Vienna, Va. Returning home, he resumed farming and has since continued that line of work.

On Dec. 29, 1869, Mr. Huston married Mary E. Hindman, daughter of George Hindman. Mr. and Mrs. Huston have two children: George H., who married Nettie Schumaker, and has five children, Elenora, Harold, Ethel, Blanche, and Ruth; and John M. In addition to rearing their own children Mr. and Mrs. Huston adopted a little girl then only a few months old, Margaret Esther Brunton, who has been given the same parental love and care as the two sons. She married Arlo Campbell, and her four children, Alice, Caroline, Hindman and Allison, are loved as grandchildren. Mr. Huston and his family belong to the Presbyterian Church, which he has served as elder for more than forty years. He has also taken an interest in the Sunday school, both as a teacher and superintendent.

JAMES LEES, Jr., of Leechburg, Armstrong county, is vice president of the Hyde Park Foundry & Machine Company, whose plant is conveniently located a short distance above the borough, on the Westmoreland side of the river. His association with that concern alone, in view of its great importance as an industrial asset of the town, would justify his standing as one of the leading citizens of the place, but he has won and kept the good will and friendship of his townsmen in as great a degree on his personal merits. Since his settlement at Leechburg, in 1891, all his interests have been centered here.

Mr. Lees is a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., born Jan. 4, 1864, son of James and Anna (Evans) Lees, the latter born at Bilston, Staffordshire, England, daughter of George and Keziah (Chambers) Evans. She is a descendant of Sir Humphrey Jennings, and one of the legal heirs of the Jennings estate. Paternally Mr. Lees is also of English extraction, his grandfather, Charles Lees, having passed all his life in England. He was a farmer at Denton, near Manchester, a freeholder, owning a large property. The family is an old one in the neighborhood.

James Lees, son of Charles, was born and reared in England, coming to the United States after attaining his majority. His first location in this country was at Norristown, Pa. In a short time, however, he went to Allegheny, Pa., where he worked at his trade, blacksmithing. He and his wife now (1913) reside at McKeesport, Pa., he being eighty years old, and she seventy-two years of age. They had children as follows: James, John, Daniel W., Anna E. (wife of E. H. Beale, of Leechburg), and four who are deceased.

James Lees, son of James and Anna (Evans) Lees, is essentially a self-developed man. He attended the Liberty school at Pittsburgh until fourteen years old, then entering the foundry at McKeesport, Pa., where he learned the trade of molder. After eleven years there Mr. Lees spent a few months at East Liverpool, Pa., and one year at Pittsburgh, in March, 1891, coming to Leechburg, where he secured employment in the foundry of the Leechburg Foundry & Machine Company. Remaining four years in this connection, at the end of that time, in company with T. W. McClausland, N. H. Slonaker, George Shaner, and five others who sold their interest to the four mentioned above, he organized what is now the Hyde Park Foundry & Machine Company, one of the most important concerns of its kind in the valley. Mr. McClausland is president, Mr. Lees vice president, and Mr. Slonaker secretary and treas-



James Lees Jr.

urer. They started business with a foundry only 60 by 80 feet in dimensions. Now they have a foundry 280 by 80 feet, while their machine shop is 260 by 70 feet, and the pattern shop 80 by 40 feet; there is also a power house, besides offices, etc. The company manufactures all rolling mill machinery. Employment is given to one hundred skilled workmen, and as the demand is constant, a full force is kept busy all the year round. For the first few years Mr. Lees had charge of the foundry, and he ran the first heat. Since 1903, however, he has been the outside man, selling for the company. Toward its progress and steady growth he has contributed his full share, and his value to the plant is recognized and appreciated by all in a position to judge. His best efforts have been given to its development and efficient management, and he well deserves the reputation he bears for competency, and intelligent application to whatever engages his attention. His other important business connections are with the Acme Natural Gas Company, of Leechburg, of which he is president, and with the National Gas Producer Company, of Leechburg, in which he is a stockholder.

With all his business activities, Mr. Lees has also maintained his interest in local affairs to the extent of serving as member of the council. Politically he is a Republican, and socially an Odd Fellow and a Scottish Rite Mason, in the latter connection belonging to Blue Lodge No. 577, F. & A. M.; Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M., of Kittanning; Tancred Commandery, No. 48, K. T., of Pittsburgh, and the Consistory at Coudersport, Pa. He has passed all the chairs in the I. O. O. F. The Methodist Church holds his membership, and he has sung bass in the choir for several years. Ever since he was a youth of eighteen, in fact, he has been well known as a church singer, his voice, which is a combination of baritone and a deep, musical bass, being of superior quality and unusual strength, and much appreciated in solo as well as choir singing.

Mr. Lees was married (first) to Flora Roesing, daughter of Florence Roesing. Mrs. Lees died in 1877, leaving one child, Corrinne F., now the wife of Wallace White, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

On Nov. 6, 1889, Mr. Lees married, at East Liverpool, Ohio, Ida B. Maple, and they have had seven children, namely: Harold M., who is deceased; J. Rolland, a student; Walter L.; Charles R.; Kenneth, deceased; Dorothy B., and Virginia M.

Mrs. Ida B. (Maple) Lees is of Revolutionary stock, her grandfather, Benjamin Maple, having served in the Revolution, and also in the War of 1812, holding the rank of captain. The Maples are of English descent, and were among the pioneer settlers in Ohio, Benjamin Maple having been a farmer near Salineville, that State. He was married three times, his wife Nancy (Fitzpatrick) being the grandmother of Mrs. Lees. Nancy Fitzpatrick's father, a native of Ireland, came of an old and distinguished family. His people wanted him to enter the priesthood, but he married young and came to America, eventually settling in the neighborhood of Salineville, Ohio.

Larrison Maple, father of Mrs. Lees, was born at Salineville, Ohio, and married Hannah Crist, daughter of Thomas and Matilda (Cashil) Crist, who were of German descent. Thomas Crist was a farmer. Larrison Maple was a river pilot between Pittsburgh and New Orleans before the days of steam navigation on that route. The Crists and Maples were Methodists.

Mrs. Lees has decided talent as an artist, as her work in oil and crayon shows, her faculty for portraiture and her ability to produce a good likeness proving she has the true gift and artistic sense. Had she devoted the necessary time and study to the development of her talent she would no doubt have become a superior worker.

GEORGE K. KLINE, of Kittanning, undertaker and funeral director, now devotes himself entirely to his business interests, though for a number of years he was a practicing dentist. His father, the late Dr. Martin L. Kline, was one of the most successful dentists of the borough until an accident to his right hand made it necessary for him to give up work at his profession, after which he was engaged in the livery and undertaking business until his death.

The Klines have been in this part of Pennsylvania many years. Solomon line, great-grandfather of George K. Kline, was a farmer by occupation. Some years after his marriage he moved from Indiana county, Pa., to Clearfield county, where he bought a tract of land, spending the remainder of his days in its cultivation and improvement.

Martin Kline, son of Solomon, was born in Indiana county, but grew up in Clearfield county, where he resided to the end of his days. He followed the lumber business as well as farming, and was a prosperous and useful citizen. Politically he was a Democrat, and in religious connection a Methodist. He

married Rachel Owen, who was born and reared in Clearfield county, daughter of John Owen, and to them were born twelve children.

Martin Luther Kline, son of Martin and Rachel Kline, was born June 8, 1847, in Clearfield county, Pa., and was there reared on a farm. He received his early education in the common schools of the home neighborhood. When he went to work he followed lumbering on the Susquehanna river for seven years, after which he took up dentistry, studying with his uncle, Dr. Owen, of Kittanning, whose partner he became in 1870. This association lasted three years, at the end of which time he purchased his uncle's interest, practicing alone until 1888. He then took Dr. E. H. Wright into partnership, and by their skillful and conscientious attention to patrons they built up a large patronage, from which Dr. Kline retired after the accident on July 4, 1895, in which he lost the thumb and end of second and third fingers of his right hand, the injury being caused by a giant fire cracker. Selling out his interest in the dental office to Dr. F. L. Gould, he then bought the interest of Mrs. M. E. Finley in the livery stable, which did quite a large business, having twenty-five horses, and he also engaged in undertaking. His son George was in partnership with him, the firm being known as M. L. Kline & Son. Dr. Kline continued his connection therewith until his death, which occurred Jan. 9, 1907. He was a member of the Royal Arcanum, Knights of Honor and B. P. O. E. and a Democrat in politics, in which, however, he took no active part beyond voting.

On March 14, 1872, Dr. Kline married Martha E. Hamlin, daughter of John Hamlin, of Juniata county, and she survived him a short time, dying in November, 1908. Dr. and Mrs. Kline are buried at Kittanning. They had three children: George K.; Lulela H., who married Walter McEwen, and died in May, 1907; and Beulah Blanche, married to Frederick P. Steele, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

George K. Kline was born at Kittanning Dec. 22, 1872, and there received his common school education. He took a course in dentistry at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1899, after which he followed the practice of his profession for five years at Kittanning. For several years before his father's death he was associated in the undertaking and livery business with him, buying the Heilman interest in the firm of Kerr & Heilman in February, 1904, thus becoming a member of the firm of Kerr & Kline. His father, who had bought the Mrs. M. E. Finley barn on Market street, near the "Reynolds House," bought Kerr's interest, and about a year and a half after the death of his father George K. Kline sold the same, retaining, however, the undertaking business. Later he purchased the furniture and undertaking establishment of A. T. Vosburg and took a partner, the firm becoming Kline & Campbell. After two years they sold out and engaged in the livery business about one year, until George K. Kline sold his interest to Mr. Campbell. When E. W. Campbell retired from business Mr. Kline opened his present establishment, July 1, 1912. For a period of six years George K. Kline was undertaker for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and as such had charge of the burial of the victims of the Kelly Station disaster. He is now in the undertaking business at No. 152 South Jefferson street. He has been a member of the Pennsylvania Funeral Directors' Association since 1908, and fraternally he holds membership in the B. P. O. Elks, I. O. O. F., Loyal Order of Moose, P. H. C., Foresters, and Tribe of Ben Hur—all at Kittanning. He has belonged to Hose Company No. 3 of the volunteer fire department for twenty-one years, having been a charter member, and is an official of the Kittanning Fair Association, of which he has been a member and director for six years; his fellow officers in that organization are O. N. Wilson, president; Pat. Pheafy, vice president; R. D. Heilman, secretary; John W. Rohrer, treasurer; and Alex. McCollough, all of whom are directors, but Mr. Rohrer. Politically Mr. Kline is a Democrat, but not active in the party, and he is a member of the Lutheran Church.

On Feb. 9, 1898, Mr. Kline married Mollie C. Smith, who was born in Wayne township, this county, Sept. 4, 1872, daughter of Daniel and Lavina Smith, who live on a farm there. Three children have been born to this union: Martin L., who died in January, 1901, when two years old; George H., who attends Kittanning high school, and has a private teacher during the summer months; and Phoebe Lucile, who is attending public school. The family home is at No. 251 North McKean street, Kittanning.

REUBEN R. HOFFMAN, merchant and justice of the peace at Belknap, Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born in Mahoning township, this county, Sept. 28, 1848, son of John and Susan (Smith) Hoffman, and grandson of George Hoffman.

George Hoffman came from Germantown (now part of Philadelphia), where his parents had settled. They were immigrants from the Rhine provinces near Strasburg which had been devastated by the wars waged by Louis XIV of France. George Hoffman settled in what was then called "the Manor," in Westmoreland county, buying about one thousand acres of land, becoming one of the pioneers and heavy landowners in that section. During the years that followed the family passed through all the vicissitudes incident to life in an unsettled region. For some nights after their arrival they continued to sleep in the wagons which had transported them from their other home, until a little log cabin was erected. George Hoffman was twice married, both wives being members of the Good family. To his first marriage were born four children: Henry, Jacob, George and Sarah. His second wife bore him nine children: Reuben, John, Polly and Hannah (twins), Fannie, Mrs. Parker, Leah, and two daughters who married brothers by the name of Saddler.

John Hoffman, son of George, and father of Reuben R. Hoffman, was born in Westmoreland county. By trade he was a stonemason, and he held one of the contracts for the construction of the Pennsylvania canal in his section, in the carrying out of which his time and attention were occupied for some time. He had a remarkable experience which he never forgot, making a trip to New Orleans by boat and walking back the entire distance. Those sturdy pioneers were made of sterner material than their descendants, for he accomplished what would be almost impossible to his grandsons, without any serious inconvenience. The great development of steam power had not progressed far in those days, and water craft were propelled by the current of the stream, guided by oars, the boats being sold at the termination of the trip downstream. Those that manned the oars on these trips were destined to retrace their way home by walking, following the banks of streams and narrow paths through the wilderness. Their lives were endangered by Indians and wild beasts. Four men composed the party with which John Hoffman returned to Pennsylvania, his brother Reuben, Thomas Jones and another man whose name is forgotten accompanying him. During the night a fire was kept up, and at least one man stood guard. One night when they were in Arkansas Jones fell asleep while on guard, and Reuben Hoffman awoke to find the fire low and the camp closely surrounded by wolves, their eyes glaring like balls of fire, seemingly prepared for a rush on the helpless men. He awakened the rest, and all, securing firebrands, charged at the wolves, driving them into the dense forest. Jones was relieved from further guard duty. In 1840 Mr. Hoffman purchased a farm in Mahoning township, this county, dying upon it in 1908, when he had attained the extreme old age of ninety-three years. His remains are interred at Eddyville cemetery. His wife died in 1873, aged fifty-three years. They had the following children: Jessie, deceased; Reuben R.; George; Henry J.; Jackson J.; Daniel M.; M. Turney; D. Miles; Catherine, deceased; Lucy, deceased; Mary E., deceased; and Sarah E., deceased. Mr. Hoffman was possessed of strong characteristics, and stood very high in the community that was his home for so many useful years.

Reuben R. Hoffman, son of John Hoffman, went to school in his district, and attended Glade Run Academy for five terms. Following this he taught school ten terms, in Jefferson and Armstrong counties. Entering upon a mercantile life, he clerked until he gained a thorough practical knowledge of the business, when he established himself at Edenburg, Clarion Co., Pa., as a merchant. After a year he moved to Eddyville, where he conducted a similar business for three years. In 1873 he located at Belknap, in Wayne township, since which time he has been the leading factor of his community. He put up all his buildings, has a very good stand, and his store is fully stocked with a full and varied line of merchandise, which he offers at prices as low as is consistent with their uniformly good quality. He also owned a farm of 130 acres in the vicinity of Belknap, which he sold to W. J. Alcorn. Having owned this property for twenty years he developed it considerably, and disposed of it at a good price. Mr. Hoffman deals in general merchandise and supplies a wide territory contiguous to Belknap, as well as the people in this town. Politically he is a Democrat, and has been the nominee of his party for several county offices, but as this is a strong Republican district he was not elected. He has served as a trustee of the Kittanning Academy, while for a number of years he was school director of the independent district of Wayne township. For twenty years he was postmaster at Belknap, continuing until the office was discontinued in 1909, mail being sent out from Echo. The shipping point is Dayton. Mr. Hoffman is a member of the Concord Presbyterian Church, which he served as elder for many years. He has

been supervisor and clerk of Wayne township, and is a man of influence.

In 1876 Mr. Hoffman was married to Martha Thom, daughter of Craig Thom. They have no children. Mr. Hoffman is now serving his second term as justice of the peace.

WILLIAM A. SHUSTER, superintendent of the works of the Pittsburgh Shovel Company, at Leechburg, Pa., was born at New Brighton, Beaver Co., Pa., Sept. 25, 1865, son of James H. Shuster.

Malachi Shuster, the grandfather of William Shuster, and the first of the family to settle at New Brighton, Pa., was one of the early wheelwrights there and was a well-known man. He died when aged sixty-five years. He had four daughters and the following sons: Lowrey, George, William and James H.

James H. Shuster, father of William A. Shuster, was born at New Brighton, Pa., July 29, 1832. He learned the wheelwright's trade with his father and followed the same until he moved to Beaver Falls, Pa., where he was placed in charge of the forging department of a large cutlery factory. He remained there for some years and then accepted a position with the shovel works, after which he retired. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served Beaver Falls in several official positions, in 1904 being elected a justice of the peace, in which office he continues. Mr. Shuster is one of the leading members of the Methodist Protestant Church at Beaver Falls. He married Clorinda Miller, and they have the following children: Emma, Ida, Ella, Blanche, Sarah, James Henry, Jr., John T. and William A. Mr. Shuster served three years, three months, nineteen days as a soldier in the Civil war, a member of Company M, 7th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and during this time participated in many important battles which engaged the attention of the Army of the Potomac.

William A. Shuster attended the public schools at New Brighton until he was fifteen years of age, at which time he began to learn the shovel manufacturing business in the H. M. Myers shovel works at Beaver Falls, where he was employed fourteen years, becoming an experienced and reliable shovel maker. He then went to Hyde Park, in Westmoreland county, where he was employed as a foreman for two and a half years in the sheet mill. When the Pittsburgh Shovel Works were completed, in February, 1901, Mr. Shuster was secured as superintendent. The company purchased the old Mesta foundry and machine shops at Leechburg, and owns five acres of land, three acres of which are covered with the buildings needed for the plant in the manufacture of shovels. The company is well financed, H. P. Goff, of Pittsburgh, being its president. Employment is given to from fifty-five to sixty men, and every known kind of shovel is manufactured, this being one of the largest plants of the kind in the country. It is equipped with all the latest improvements in the way of machinery and is one of the important industrial establishments of Armstrong county. Mr. Shuster makes all his own patterns for the great variety of work done there.

On Oct. 20, 1887, Mr. Shuster was married to Kate Mary Lloyd, daughter of D. D. Lloyd, once a well-known merchant at Apollo, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Shuster have the following children: Paul H., Norman L., David H., Alvin and Clare. The family belongs to the Lutheran Church. Politically Mr. Shuster is a Republican, and at the present time is serving a four-years' term as councilman. He is a Knight of Pythias, an Elk, a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the local fire company.

PETER TURNEY AMMOND, proprietor of the tannery at Rural Valley, burgess and veteran of the Civil war, was born Oct. 14, 1847, in Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of Henry M. and Susannah (Turney) Ammond.

Henry M. Ammond, father of Peter T. Ammond, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and came to Armstrong county about 1840, establishing himself in business here as a shoemaker, following the trade more or less up to 1860. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company C, 103d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served eighteen months, being taken a prisoner at the battle of Fair Oaks, Va., and sent to Libby and Andersonville prisons, where he was confined for some time. He was eventually exchanged at City Point, and was finally discharged on account of disability at Fairmont, Va., hospital. On the completion of his military service Mr. Ammond spent some time in Cowanshannock township, and in about 1883 or 1884 went to Michigan, where he passed away at the age of seventy-seven years. He married Susannah Turney, daughter of Peter Turney, of German descent, who was a pioneer of Cowanshannock township, clearing up a farm in the vicinity of Yatesboro. His wife

was Barbara Baird. The children born to Henry M. and Susannah (Turney) Ammond were six in number, as follows: Peter T.; John F.; Alexander; Jeremiah; Henry, and Rebecca, who married a Mr. Campbell.

Peter Turney Ammond, son of Henry M. Ammond, was reared in Armstrong county, and secured his education in the public schools of Rural Valley, which he attended until he was twelve years old. At that time he commenced serving an apprenticeship to the tanner's trade, but when only a lad of seventeen years, in the fall of 1864, enlisted in Company K, 104th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served eight months, taking part in the siege of Petersburg and numerous other engagements. On his return to the pursuits of peace Mr. Ammond resumed his trade, which he followed at different places until 1877, when he became a permanent resident of Rural Valley. At this time he is the proprietor of the tannery in which he served his apprenticeship, and is considered one of his locality's substantial and enterprising citizens. In political matters a Republican, he is serving his second term as burgess, and under the newly constituted law will have served eight years when his term expires. He has proved as able an official as he has been a business man, and the conscientious manner in which he discharges the duties of his office has won him the confidence of his fellow citizens. Mr. Ammond is a popular comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is a past commander of Anderson Fleming Post, No. 449. With his family he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Ammond has been twice married, his first wife being Morrilla Armstrong, daughter of James Armstrong, of Armstrong township, Indiana county. By her he had two children: Laura, the wife of C. T. Schreckengost; and Mary, residing at home. Mr. Ammond's second marriage was to Letitia, third daughter of John and Margaret McLaughlin. Mrs. Ammond was first married to Thomas Templeton, who lived only about six months afterward, dying very suddenly.

WILLIAM F. TITTLE, associated with the business interests of Kittanning and Armstrong county, although now a resident of Rayburn township, was born Nov. 10, 1847, at Brady's Bend, this county, son of James K. and Elizabeth (Jackson) Tittle.

Peter Tittle, his great-grandfather, served as a soldier during the Revolutionary war, being a member of Cap. John McClelland's company of rangers from 1778 to 1783.

James Tittle, son of Peter, was one of the pioneers of Westemoreland county, Pa., becoming a prosperous farmer of his locality, owning large tracts of land. Nine children were born to him: Jeremiah, John Johnson, Jonathan, James K., Washington, Hamilton, Andrew Jackson, William F. and Elizabeth (who married a Mr. McKee).

James K. Tittle was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., in 1812, and was a farmer and tanner. He served several years as justice of the peace. His family consisted of four children: Richard J., who was a soldier during the Civil war, serving in Company I, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and died at Camp Wood, Ky., in 1862; Alexander, who died young; Anna Elizabeth, who married Alexander Hood, who is now deceased; and William F. The parents of these children were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

William F. Tittle was educated in the public schools of Rayburn township and Kittanning. In young manhood he worked on the homestead farm, but subsequently was interested in a lumber and sawmill business for a number of years. He was also engaged extensively in the production and development of natural gas, being very successful along this line. Later on he resumed farming, and is thus engaged at present in Rayburn township. He has served his township as school director, auditor and supervisor. While he was serving in the latter office through his influence Rayburn township built its first mile of State aid brick road.

In 1872 Mr. Tittle married Margaret Jane Hunter, daughter of George Hunter, and four children were born to them, of whom Alice is the wife of Edwin Croyle; Anna Bell is the wife of Harry Spear; James K. is deceased. Mrs. Tittle died in 1879. In 1881 Mr. Tittle married Sarah C. Hawk, daughter of Samuel Hawk, and she died Sept. 18, 1891, the mother of three children: Della, wife of Joseph Lambing; William F.; and Ida, deceased.

H. B. TOWNSEND, a farmer of Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, was born April 9, 1856, in that township, son of A. K. and Mary Jane (Gamble) Townsend. The first of the Townsend family of whom anything definite is known was once a heavy landowner in England, but lost all his property through speculation.

Isaac Townsend, his son, was born in England about 1760, and on account of his father's losses came to the Colonies about 1775. He settled in what was then Westmoreland county, Pa., but is now Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, Pa., where he bought 400 acres from George Wolf, for which he paid seventy-five cents per acre. This property has been developed into the most valuable land in the county. A many-sided man, he could do almost anything to which he bent his mind, and became extremely prominent in his locality, where he was called upon to settle numerous disputes among his neighbors, for his authority and level judgment were never questioned. After the organization of the Democratic party he adhered to its principles, and was elected on its ticket as auditor, assessor and road supervisor of his township. Although reared a Quaker, after marriage he became a member of the Lutheran Church, in which he was elder for many years. In 1780 he married Rachel King, who was of German extraction, and they had ten children: John, Henry, Isaac, Robert, Joseph, William, Polly, Susan, and two that died in infancy unnamed. Mr. Townsend passed away in 1847, after a life of usefulness and Christian living.

Henry Townsend was born on the home farm of Isaac Townsend about 1795, and during his earlier years drilled salt wells and manufactured salt, later on in life devoting himself to agricultural pursuits. Politically he held the same faith as his father, and supported the principles of the Democratic party. The Lutheran Church had in him a devout member. On Feb. 2, 1829, Henry Townsend married Catherine Ulam, by whom he had ten children.

A. K. Townsend attended the old subscription school in the district where he was born in December, 1826, on the old Townsend homestead. In addition to the educational training he obtained in this primitive school, Mr. Townsend secured information upon varied subjects by reading, and kept himself well informed upon all the leading topics of interest of his time. He became the owner of 400 acres of choice farm land, which he operated profitably. A Jacksonian Democrat, he was a great admirer of Andrew Jackson. Elder's Ridge Presbyterian Church held his membership, and received his generous support of both time and money. On Nov. 6, 1851, Mr. Townsend married Mary J. Gamble, and ten children were born of this union, eight of whom survive, H. B. Townsend being the third child in the order of birth.

Daniel Ulam, from whom Mr. Townsend is descended through his grandmother, was born in eastern Pennsylvania about 1745, in 1805 moving to Westmoreland county, where he bought and farmed a large tract of land. He was a Democrat. His religious faith made him a member of the Lutheran Church, which he served faithfully and conscientiously. In 1775 he married, and his family consisted of eight children. His death occurred in 1815, his widow surviving until 1839.

Catherine Ulam carried Henry Townsend, and one of their children was A. K. Townsend, the father of H. B. Townsend, who thus traces his ancestry back through two prominent families on his father's side, the Townsends and Ulams, and through the Gambles on the mother's side.

H. B. Townsend attended district school until eighteen years old, when he left school to devote all his attention to farming, remaining with his father until he was twenty-seven years old, when he married. Following his marriage he rented a farm for two years, and then bought 100 acres of the home place, upon which he resided for eight years. The succeeding two years he spent on the Tanner farm, but in 1893 he bought and moved upon 252 acres two miles east of Avonmore, which has continued to be his home. Mr. Townsend is a good general farmer, understanding thoroughly the work in hand, and believing in scientific methods. His land has been brought into a fine state of development, and he reaps banner crops from his fertile acres. His premises all show that a good manager is at the helm, and his stock is of good quality. Such farms as that owned by Mr. Townsend indicate very forcibly the change which modern inventions and ideas have wrought in agriculture.

Mr. Townsend was united in marriage with Jennie Fairman, and they have the following children: Margaretta, Myrna, Cloyd, Julia, Glade, Ruth, Gertrude and Kenneth.

The church at Avonmore owned by the Presbyterian denomination was erected through the instrumentality of Mr. Townsend and several other members, and he continues to give it his loyal support. For the past few years he has been one of its trustees, and he is a man of importance in the organization as he is in his community. A strong Democrat, he is very active in the interests of his party, although not one who seeks political preferment.

FRANK STULL, merchant, who is engaged in business at Bagdad, in Gilpin township, Armstrong county, Pa., was born at that place Feb. 25, 1855, son of Andrew Jackson Stull and a grandson of John Stull.

The paternal great-grandfather was of German parentage. He came from Lancaster county, Pa., to Armstrong county and in 1820 located where the town of Bagdad now stands, being a pioneer of that place. By trade he was a shoemaker. His burial was in Pleasant View cemetery, in Westmoreland county, near Leechburg.

John Stull, son of the settler, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1790, and accompanied his father to western Pennsylvania. He was also a shoemaker, and it is said he worked at his trade until he was ninety years of age, and lived to within fifteen days of being one hundred years old. When the old canal was in course of construction by the State he assisted in this work for some time. He married Elizabeth Allshouse, who died when aged eighty-eight years, ten months, eleven days, and both were buried in the old Forks Church cemetery, in Gilpin township. Mrs. Stull was born in Lancaster county. They had the following children: Solomon; Daniel; Samuel; Andrew Jackson; Betsey, who married Philip Walters; Catherine, who married Samuel Kistler; and Mary, who married Robert Lucas.

Andrew Jackson Stull, father of Frank Stull and son of John Stull, was born at Bagdad, Pa., Feb. 1, 1833, and died Nov. 10, 1904. His wife was Margaret Shuster, born July 4, 1832, died Feb. 28, 1903. Their children were as follows: Albert, who is deceased; Frank; John, who resides at Bagdad; Andrew Jackson, Jr., who is deceased; Wesley; Frederick, who is deceased; Henry; Ida, who married Benjamin Brothers; and Elizabeth, now deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Lynch.

Andrew Jackson Stull spent his entire life at Bagdad, obtaining his schooling there and later entering the mercantile business. He was the first general merchant at the place and conducted his business for a number of years before he retired, his death occurring some years afterward. He and wife were members of the Forks Church and are buried in the cemetery there.

Frank Stull attended school in Gilpin township during boyhood, and afterward was employed in the coal mines, for about thirty years followed this dangerous work. After quitting the mines he operated a livery stable at Leechburg for two years and then returned to mining for a short time, but since 1896 has had charge of the store at Bagdad, for the Stull, Hill, Coulter Company, and is recognized as an able business man.

On April 15, 1879, Mr. Stull was married to Agnes Kidd, who died March 15, 1881, their only child, Grace then eleven months old dying on the same day. On Oct. 27, 1887, Mr. Stull was married (second) to Emma Morcom, and they have two sons, Howard M. and Frank H., aged respectively twenty-one and nineteen years. In politics Mr. Stull is a Republican, and while residing at Leechburg he served in the office of constable, and in 1909 was elected a member of the school board of Gilpin township. He belongs to but one secret organization, the Odd Fellows. He belongs to the Hebron Lutheran Church at Leechburg, and has been a church member since he was fifteen years of age.

MARION HARKLEROAD, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Cowanshannock township, was born in Plum Creek township, Armstrong Co., Pa., Sept. 5, 1846, son of George A. and Susan (Martin) Harkleroad.

Christopher Harkleroad, the paternal grandfather of Marion Harkleroad, came from Bedford county, Pa., to Armstrong county in the early thirties, and settled in Plum Creek township, where he was engaged in farming up to the time of his demise, which was caused by his being thrown from a horse which he was riding. He married Mary Smouse, and their children who grew to maturity were: Sophia, who married Garrett Thomas; Rebecca, who married George Rearick; Susan, who married Jonathan Yount; Lavina, who married John Rearick; Mary Ann, who married Herman Rearick; Barbara, who married David Kirkpatrick; Elizabeth, who married Henry Kirbs; George A.; William, and Philip.

Jonathan Martin, the maternal grandfather of Marion Harkleroad, was a pioneer of Indiana county, where he spent all of his life.

George A. Harkleroad, son of Christopher Harkleroad, and father of Marion Harkleroad, was born in Bedford county, Pa., in 1817, and came to Armstrong county with his parents when still a youth. He settled with the family in Plum Creek township, but prior to 1850 purchased a farm in Cowanshannock township, which is still operated by his heirs. Later he purchased the farm now owned and occupied by Marion Harkleroad, which, with the assistance of his sons, he cleared and

improved, and there he spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1892 at the age of seventy-five years. He and his wife had the following children: Mary, who married Daniel Beltz; Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of Henry Wampler; William; Nancy, who married James Ritchey; Marion; Jane, who married James Garbrant; Elizabeth, who married Casper Reefer; George A., Jr.; Christopher; and Susan, deceased, who was the wife of Henderson Harkleroad.

Marion Harkleroad, son of George A. Harkleroad, was reared to manhood in Cowanshannock township, and received his education in the common schools. On completing his studies he followed lumbering for fifteen years in Indiana and Clearfield counties, but since 1879 he has lived on the old homestead and devoted his attention to farming. Mr. Harkleroad uses modern ideas and methods in his work, and his property gives evidence of the presence of thrift and good management, while his skill as a farmer and stockman has never been questioned.

In 1874 Mr. Harkleroad was married to Mary C. Smail, daughter of John and Margaret (Lohr) Smail, of Plum Creek township. Four children have been born to this union: Francis; Sarah E., who married Charles Lauster; Daniel W.; and Howard C. Mr. Harkleroad's political principles are those of the Democratic party. With his wife and children he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ISAAC FENNELL, who has been engaged in farming in Bethel township for many years, is a veteran of the Civil war, and he has been as useful and honorable a citizen of his home community as he was of his country in the days of that crisis. He was born Aug. 21, 1840, in Westmoreland county, Pa., son of Abraham and Katherine (Nunnemacher) Fennell.

Abraham Fennell was born on Loyalhanna creek, near New Salem, Westmoreland county, and died about 1843. His wife died in 1865, aged about seventy-five years. They were members of the Lutheran Church. They had a family of eleven children, five sons and six daughters: Jacob, a farmer of Kittanning township; Margaret, who married David Shiery; Daniel, a farmer of Washington township; Susan, wife of Jacob Nunnemacher; Abraham, a farmer of West Franklin township (he was a soldier in the Civil war); Elizabeth, who married William Schaeffer; George, a farmer and coal miner in Manor township, who married Mary Keeler; Catherine, who married George Iseman and lived in Manor township (both are deceased); Isaac, and two who died in infancy. George and Isaac are the only survivors.

Isaac Fennell passed his early youth in North Buffalo township, and was educated in public school there. In February, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Union army, joining Company I, 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served over eighteen months, receiving his honorable discharge in September, 1865. He took part in all of the great battles of 1864 in which his command was engaged, being present at Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Cumberland Gap, Resaca, Dallas, New Hope Church Pulaski, Nashville, and other engagements. After the war he worked at coal mines and stone quarries until about 1888, when he engaged in farming in Bethel township, Armstrong county, settling at his present home one mile above Kelly Station.

On May 31, 1865, Mr. Fennell married Mary McElfresh, of Bethel township, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Keibler) McElfresh, of that township, and she died in 1867. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Ellen, the Frst child of this union, born April 4, 1866, married Peter Miller and has six children; Ida, born March 10, 1867, married William Miller, of Bethel township, brother of her sister's husband, and has had three children, two of whom survive, Carl, a school teacher, and Verna, who is attending school at Ford City. In December, 1870, Mr. Fennell married (second) Nancy Keibler, who like himself was born in Westmoreland county, daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Piper) Keibler, and they have had three children, namely: Laura B., married Lyman Bowser, a farmer of Manor township, Armstrong county, and they have six children; John N., a coal miner, now (1912) thirty-nine years old, is unmarried; Charles W., a blacksmith and machinist for the coal company, married Eva Dickey, who died July 4, 1910, leaving five children, of whom the eldest daughter Ora, is married to Arthur Klingensmith, the others being Austin, Leona, Florence and Smith. Mr. Fennell, the father, is a member of the Baptist Church.

HOMER HOWARD SHOEMAKER, dealer in general merchandise at Deanville, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born in Madison township, this county, May 26, 1866, son of

Joseph B. and Margaret A. (Ferguson) Shoemaker.

George Shoemaker, his greater-grandfather, with six brothers, John, Solomon, Adam, Simon, Samuel and Daniel, emigrated from Germany to America prior to 1770, and first settled in Loudoun county, Va. In 1798 or 1800 George Shoemaker settled at Cochran Mills, in what is now Burrell township, Armstrong county. His wife was Margaret Miller, and their children were: Isaac; John; Peter; Daniel; George; Jesse; Joseph; Catherine, Mrs. Blogher; Margaret, Mrs. Hind; and Hannah, Mrs. Uncapher. Of these,

Peter Shoemaker was the grandfather of Homer H. He settled in what is now Mahoning township, Armstrong county, near Oakland, 1824, having purchased 200 acres of land from his cousin Philip Shoemaker, who had settled there in 1814. He cleared and improved this property, and became a prominent and successful man of affairs. His death occurred in 1872. He married Sarah Ringer, who bore him twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity: Isaac, William, Peter, Jesse, Joseph B., George, Mary (who married Thomas Montgomery), Catherine (who married Samuel Young), Margaret and Sarah.

Joseph B. Shoemaker was born on the old homestead in Mahoning township July 31, 1839, and there was reared to manhood. He settled in Madison township in 1864, owning a tract of land of about 160 acres there, which he cleared and improved. He died there March 13, 1890, in his sixty-first year. He was a prominent farmer of his day, and his farm was considered the most valuable in Madison township. He owned the first combined reaper and mower brought to that township. In early life Mr. Shoemaker was a member of the German Baptist Church, but later he became a member of the Free Baptist Church at Deanville, of which he was a deacon for many years. He held various township offices, was a Republican in political sentiment, and an advocate of prohibition. He married Margaret A. Ferguson, whose death occurred May 19, 1912. They reared a family of seven children, as follows: Carrie, wife of F. E. Claypoole; Homer H.; Ora A.; Junie F., wife of Adam Shindledecker; Bertha G., wife of John Shindledecker; Mervin L.; and Claude C.

Homer H. Shoemaker was brought up on the old homestead and received his schooling in the local common schools. He studied music and was a teacher of vocal music for sixteen years in western Pennsylvania. On Aug. 26, 1902, he embarked in the general merchandise business at Deanville, in which he has since continued with marked success. He is industrious, hardworking, and courteous in all his dealings and he has won success by his own efforts. On April 2, 1912, he bought the property known as the Myers Heirs farm, which bounds part of Deanville, and in the summer of that year built the first round barn in Armstrong county.

On Dec. 25, 1894, Mr. Shoemaker was married to Alice M., daughter of William and Elizabeth (Gohwen) Shoemaker, of Clarion county, Pa., and they have two children, Carl M. and Paul A. Mr. Shoemaker has served as school director of Madison township for twelve years. He is a member of the Free Baptist Church of Deanville, and has been superintendent of the Sunday school since 1908. He is a strong Prohibitionist.

The maternal grandfather of Homer H. Shoemaker was Samuel Ferguson, a native of Ireland. He was a pioneer of what is now Mahoning township, Armstrong county, and cleared and improved the farm now owned by Joseph Ferguson. His death occurred there.

MATHIAS P. BOWSER, late of Boggs township, Armstrong county, died June 3, 1909, on the farm there which he had owned and operated for many years, and which is now carried on by his son Harvey P. Bowser.

This Bowser family has been settled in Boggs township for almost a century. Peter and Sarah (Russel) Bowser, parents of Mathias P. Bowser, came to this region from east of the mountains and first located in Franklin township, Armstrong county. They obtained a tract of land which they soon traded for 200 acres in Boggs township, and there they erected log buildings and made a permanent home. Mr. Bowser farmed the remainder of his life there. He and his wife had a large family of children, born as follows: Elizabeth, Aug. 30, 1811; Mary, Aug. 14, 1813; Martha, Nov. 3, 1815; John, Oct. 27, 1816; Mathias P., Jan. 17, 1819; Jennet, Dec. 11, 1821; Sally, March 3, 1825; Margaret, March 21, 1826; Laban, July 16, 1828; Jeremiah, Feb. 6, 1832.

Mathias P. Bowser was born in Pennsylvania, but it is not certain whether his birthplace was east of the mountains or in Armstrong county, where he was reared. He was trained to farm work from the time his services were of any use, and in young manhood began farming on his own account. He also ran a sawmill. He owned and lived upon

fifty acres of his father's old place, thence moving to the place where Robert Walker now lives, above Mosgrove, and later to a farm at Pine Furnace, which he had been cultivating for twelve years at the time he entered the Union service during the Civil war. He had formerly been captain of a company of State militia whose camp or training ground was at or near what is now Snyderville, filling that position until the company's time expired and it gave up training. In 1862 he joined the 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served three years as a member of Companies I and B, receiving an honorable discharge in March, 1865. He was captured and paroled. Returning home from the army he lived a few years more on his property at Pine Furnace, in April, 1870, removing to the place in Boggs township where he ever afterward made his home. He bought 120 acres, partly cleared, on which stood an old log barn and a small house, and in the course of his residence here improved the land in every respect, and as prosperity enabled him erected modern buildings. He also owned a sixty-acre tract above, known as the John Baum place. He became one of the most respected men in his neighborhood, serving his fellow citizens in various township offices, was an influential member of the Democratic party in his locality, and in religious connection was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

On April 10, 1844, Mr. Bowser married Sarah Ann Baum, who was born March 26, 1826, daughter of John Baum, and eleven children were born to them, as follows: Wilson L., March 31, 1845; Ross Mechlin, Dec. 8, 1847; Harvey Peter, Dec. 5, 1849; Dewitt Clinton, Dec. 23, 1851 (died in 1853); Hetty Williams, July 23, 1853; Templeton B., Oct. 9, 1855; Sarah Jane, May 23, 1857; Madison Monroe, Feb. 14, 1860 (died aged fifty-three years); McClellan G., April 5, 1862; James Neal, Jan. 20, 1866; Rebecca P., May 15, 1867.

Harvey Peter Bowser, son of Mathias P. Bowser, was born Dec. 5, 1849. After his father gave up active work the care of the home place devolved upon him, and he has continued to live there, his mother, who is now in her eighty-ninth year, making her home with him.

GEORGE HECHLER, farmer and oil producer, residing on his farm of fifty acres situated in Brady's Bend township, one mile east of Kaylor, Armstrong county, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, Oct. 14, 1837.

In his native land George Hechler had eight full years of schooling. He started for the United States when twenty-seven years of age. At that time crossing the Atlantic ocean meant a long voyage and Mr. Hechler was on the water for forty-three days before he landed at the city of New York. He found work there and for three months was employed in the largest hotel in the city, which was then located at No. 381 Fourth street. In February, 1865, he came to Brady's Bend, Pa., and on March 29, 1865, began work with pick and shovel for Gust Uhl, his wages being $1.65 per day. He was afterward employed for about three months in unloading coal at the rolling mills, and then went to work in the blast furnace, where he remained until that plant closed down in 1873. From there he made his way to Chicora, where he helped to build large oil tanks, his wages being then $2.50 per day. He was a man of business enterprise, as was shown by his renting and operating coal banks in Donegal township, near Chicora. For eight years he followed teaming, and after that for six years was engaged in buying oil wells. He helped to drill eight dry holes in Brady's Bend township. Mr. Hechler continued as an independent dealer in oil until he had to sell for fifty-one cents a barrel, when he retired from the business and bought his present fine farm, which he has enjoyed improving. He erected the present comfortable residence and set out a fruit orchard. He has also one oil well and one gas well on the place. Mr. Hechler has built up his present fortune from a very small beginning, as he had but six dollars in gold and less than two dollars in paper money when he reached Brady's Bend.

On Sept. 5, 1865, Mr. Hechler was married to Elizabeth Lieabac, who was also born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and they have had the following children: Adam, Lizzie, Mary, Annie, Maggie, Louisa, Lizzie (2), George, Henry, Emma, Lewis and Carl, all of whom are living except the first Lizzie and Louisa. They also have an adopted son, William. The family belong to the Lutheran Church. In politics Mr. Hechler is a Republican, and for seven terms, or fourteen years, he served in the office of overseer of the poor.

WILLIAM HARRISON MOORE, Jr., general merchant and postmaster at Mosgrove Armstrong county, where he does a thriving business, belongs to a family of German origin which has long been settled in Pennsylvania.

Archibald Moore, his grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania, and died around the year 1850, when about forty years of age. By occupation he was a farmer and riverman. His wife, Katie (Sipes), a native of Franklin township, Armstrong county, died in 1867, at the age of sixty-three years. She, too, was of a family of German descent which settled in Pennsylvania, being a daughter of John Sipes, who followed farming all his life. To Archibald and Katie (Sipes) Moore were born eight children: Sarah, William H., Harriet, Jonathan (deceased), John (deceased), Catherine (deceased), Adeline (deceased), and Ellis B. (of Ironton, Ohio).

William Harrison Moore, Sr., son of Archibald Moore, was born July 4, 1836, in East Franklin township, and was engaged in river work during the greater part of his active life. He is a man respected by his fellow citizens, and has held some of the minor township offices, giving satisfactory service. He has always been a Republican in political connection. He now makes his home with his son William H. Moore, Jr. In 1861 he was married at Kittanning to Hannah N. Whitehead, who was born Sept. 10, 1839, at Greensburg, Pa., daughter of Daniel and Anna (Schrim) Whitehead. Her father, who was a cooper, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and died in 1879, when over seventy years of age. His father was a farmer. Mrs. Anna (Schrim) Whitehead was also born in Westmoreland county, and was one of the five children of Jacob Schrim and his wife, whose maiden name was Norgan; Mr. Schrim was a school teacher and farmer. His children were Shepherd, Katie, Amanda, Anna (Mrs. Whitehead) and ————. Mrs. Whitehead died in 1887, at the age of sixty-seven. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Moore: Manzela, Nov. 26, 1861; William H., April 7, 1864; John, Nov. 16, 1866; one unnamed, 1869 (died when ten days old); Chambers, Jan. 12, 1870; Samuel C., July 2, 1872; Mary Jane, Jan. 10, 1874; Elmer Jeremiah, March 11, 1876; Marvin, June 22, 1880. The parents reside at Mosgrove with their son William H. Moore, Jr.

William Harrison Moore, Jr., was born April 7, 1864, in East Franklin township, Armstrong county, and received his education in the local common schools. Commencing on his own account when he reached his majority, he was married at the age of twenty-two and then located at Cowanshannock, in Rayburn township, where he followed mining for a period of six years. He then became freight and ticket agent for the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company at Cowanshannock, being also appointed postmaster, in which capacity he served over two years. Then he served another three years in and about the mines in various capacities, until May 15, 1898, at which time he hired as clerk in the general store of C. E. Butler, at Mosgrove. There he served faithfully for one year, again going back to the mine as a miner for three years, after which he hired as clerk in the general store for Mrs. Annie Butler, at Mosgrove, remaining until May 1, 1903. He was then elected by the U. M. W. of A. as checkweighman at the mines of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, at Mosgrove, and held that position until Oct. 5, 1905, again engaging in the store business as clerk for Mrs. Annie Butler, until Jan. 15, 1906. At that time the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company bought Mrs. Butler's store, and from then until Nov. 27, 1911, he continued as clerk in the company store, on that date becoming its owner. Mr. Moore has built up the business creditably during his management and ownership, and he enjoys a large trade in all lines of merchandise, also dealing in meats. For the last five years he has been postmaster at Mosgrove, having been appointed Nov. 3, 1908. He has made a substantial position for himself in the community by his upright methods and progressive policy.

On Jan. 3, 1886, Mr. Moore married Martha Malisa Tarr, who was born July 8, 1866, in East Franklin township, Armstrong county, daughter of John Tarr, an old resident of that district, and the following children have been born to them: The eldest, born Dec. 20, 1886, died in infancy, unnamed; Clarence J., born Feb. 20, 1888, is operator at the Mosgrove station for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Dora May, born June 1, 1890, died May 22, 1909, aged nineteen years; Lossie May, born Aug. 29, 1892, is clerking in her father's store; Anna died when nine months old; Etta Florence, born July 9, 1897, clerks in her father's store; Dewey W., born Oct. 3, 1899, is attending school; Vernie was born Feb. 16, 1900; Belva, July 3, 1902; Frank, March 31, 1906; Harold, Aug. 5, 1907; Elizabeth, June 19, 1909.

JOHN A. PATTON, late of East Franklin township, a farmer and dealer in stock, was born June 10, 1844, in Armstrong county, son of William and Martha (Foster) Patton.

The Patton family originated in Ireland, but the date of the arrival here of the first ancestor in America is not known.

William Patton was born in Pennsylvania in 1796, and his wife was born in the same State Jan. 27, 1805, on Bear creek, this county. The father moved from Westmoreland county, Pa., to Armstrong county in 1825, and here married. He bought his land for five dollars per acre, cleared it off, and developed the fine farm owned by his son John A. The parents passed through the incidents and hardships relative to farm life at that time, but succeeded beyond their expectations, and reared a creditable family. Both worked to make a home, the wife helping her husband roll the logs he hewed, and to build the log cabin in which they lived until it was replaced by a frame house later on. There were eleven children in the family, seven daughters and four sons, only one of whom survives, a daughter. At his death, on March 5, 1876, the father owned 200 acres of land. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Cowansville, as was his wife. A great student of the Bible, he read it almost constantly, and enjoyed discussing the Scriptures. In politics he was a Republican. The maternal great-grandfather, John Foster, secured his title to land in Armstrong county from the government. Mrs. Patton died Aug. 5, 1874.

John A. Patton lived with his parents, and received a common school education. When he was eighteen years old he took charge of his father's farm, to which he succeeded upon the latter's death. He became one of the leading farmers of East Franklin township, and his transactions in buying and selling horses were large, Mr. Patton meeting with well-merited success in this line. Perhaps he was one of the best judges of horses in Armstrong county, for he was recognized as an expert, his services being called into question many times. He and his son had their homes near together, their beautiful places in a valley of the old hills of western Pennsylvania being among the most desirable in Armstrong county. John A. Patton died March 4, 1913.

On Sept. 18, 1872, Mr. Patton was married, in East Franklin township, to Susan Ambrose, daughter of John and Elizabeth Ambrose. John Ambrose was an old settler of this county. Married twice, he had twelve children by his first wife and one by his second. Mrs. Patton was the fifth child born to her parents. Her ancestors on the maternal side came from Germany. John Ambrose was a member and elder of the Union Presbyterian Church of Cowansville for forty-five years, and for many years served it as trustee. When he died he was the owner of 260 acres of land. In politics he was a Republican. "Uncle" Kellen Ambrose, the great-uncle of Mrs. Patton, was a major in the war of 1812. Isaac Simpson, her materal grandfather, was also in that war.

Mr. and Mrs. Patton became the parents of the following children: William Charles, born Oct. 16, 1873; Elizabeth A., born Sept. 29, 1875, who married Robert Noble, of Armstrong county; and Mattie E., born May 24, 1879.

WILLIAM M. MOORE, of New Bethlehem, Pa., has been engaged as a painter throughout his active years, and since 1902 has also been in the mercantile business, dealing in groceries, paints and wall-paper. Mr. Moore was born Sept. 20, 1835, in Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, son of Nathan and Margaret (Jamison) Moore.

William Moore, the grandfather, was born in 1779 in County Derry, Ireland, and coming to the United States in 1820 settled in what was then Armstrong (now Clarion) county, Pa., between Greenville and Clarion, at what was then known as the "Riley Settlement." Purchasing land in the wilderness, he cleared and improved a farm, to the cultivation of which he devoted his active years. His death occurred Dec. 5, 1867, at Corsica, Jefferson Co., Pa., when he was eighty-eight years old. He married Mary Downs, like himself a native of County Derry, Ireland, and they were the parents of six children: Nathan; John; James; Jennie, who married William McMillen; Nancy, who married Robert McMillen; and Elizabeth. All of this family are now deceased.

Nathan Moore, father of William M. Moore, was born Feb. 9, 1805, in County Derry, Ireland, and came to Armstrong county with his parents in 1820. In early manhood he settled in Plum Creek township, this county, and engaged in farming. In 1837 he moved to Porter township, Clarion Co., Pa., where he leased a small farm, and there he lived for thirteen years, farming and shoemaking in 1850 moving to New Bethlehem. In 1858 he located at Oakland, in Mahoning township, Armstrong county, where he passed the remainder of his long life, dying Nov. 17, 1886, at the age of eighty-one years. He was twice married. His first wife, Margaret, daughter of Archibald and Jane (Lower) Jamison, was born in what was then Armstrong (now Clarion) county, Pa.; her parents were pioneers of Armstrong county, and her father was a soldier in the war of 1812.

Five children were born to this union: William M.; Eliza J., who married Samuel Reese; James; John, and Robert—all deceased but William M. and John. The mother of these died in April, 1844, and Mr. Moore subsequently married Frances Rarick, by whom he had the following children: Henry W., deceased; Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of Martin Cramer; David P., deceased; Joseph B., deceased; Lavina M., who married J. C. Moore; and Sarah, who married G. B. Cline.

William M. Moore passed his youth in Armstrong and Clarion counties, and obtained his education in the common schools of Porter township and New Bethlehem. He learned the trade of painter, which he was following when the Civil war broke out, at that time being in Monmouth, Warren Co., Ill. On March 27, 1862, he entered the service, becoming a member of Company G, 1st Illinois Cavalry, with which he was connected until honorably discharged at St. Louis, Mo., as corporal, July 14, 1862. He reenlisted Oct. 7, 1862, in Company L, 14th Illinois Cavalry, becoming first sergeant when he joined that command, and was promoted to second lieutenant July 22, 1864, to rank from Nov. 14, 1863. He took part in the battles of Knoxville, (Tenn.), Kenesaw Mountain, Chattahoochee River, Decatur, Atlanta, Duck River, Franklin, Columbia, Nashville, and a number of minor engagements, and received his discharge at Pulaski, Tenn., July 31, 1865.

On his return from the war Mr. Moore settled at New Bethlehem, Pa., where he has since resided. In 1866 he engaged in the painting business, in which he has established a lucrative trade, having the highest reputation for thorough workmanship and keeping abreast of the advances made in his line. In 1902 he entered the mercantile business, carrying a large stock of groceries, and a comprehensive line of paints, wall-papers and other commodities of the kind. His enterprise and good management have brought him into the ranks of the most successful men of his town, where he is highly esteemed for his ability and integrity.

On Jan. 22, 1867, Mr. Moore was married to Lucetta Conger, daughter of Joseph and Susanna (Hetrick) Conger, of New Bethlehem, and they had a family of six children: Laura C., now the wife of William Gathers; Eliza, married to Ezra Judson Grinder; Emma, married to George Wagner; Horace A., who married Gertrude Hosey; Ralph, who married Sybilla Lawson (he served ten months in the Spanish-American war as a member of Company A, 14th Pennsylvania Volunteers); and John B., who died Dec. 29, 1912. Mrs. Moore died Aug. 4, 1911, after a happy married life of forty-four years.

Mr. Moore is an Odd Fellow, belonging to New Bethlehem Lodge, No. 725, and a Mason, in the latter connection holding membership in New Bethlehem Lodge, No. 522, F. & A. M., of which he has been secretary for more than a quarter of a century; he is also a past master. By virtue of his army service he belongs to the G. A. R., Col. William Lemon Post, No. 260. He is a Republican in politics and a Baptist in religion, being a member of the church at New Bethlehem, of which he has been a deacon since 1869.

SAMUEL T. SHOFF, mine foreman, of Leechburg, was born in Clearfield county, Pa., Feb. 12, 1863, son of Christopher C. and Elizabeth (Stitt) Shoff.

Samuel Shoff, his grandfather, came from Germany, settling in Clearfield county, Pa., where he followed farming, becoming the owner of several farms. As his sons started out in life he gave each one a farm, thus assisting them in establishing themselves. His children were: Christopher C., Robert Absalom, James Susanna, Rebecca, Isabella, Elizabeth, Hannah, Sarah, and A. C.

Christopher C. Shoff was born in Clearfield county, Pa., in 1839, and adopted farming as his life work. He is now living retired on his farm in Bigler township, Clearfield county. His wife is a daughter of Thomas Stitt. Mr. and Mrs. Shoff had children as follows: George, who died in infancy; Samuel T.; Jay F. and Willis D., of Leechburg; Luther E., at home; James, of Leechburg; Lena, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Emma of Leechburg, married to Andrew Caldwell.

Samuel T. Shoff attended the local schools of his native county, and began his life work on the farm. Later he went into the lumber woods, working there for fifteen years. He then entered the coal mines in Clearfield county, whence he went to Saltsburg, Indiana Co., Pa., to work in the old Fairbanks mine. In 1893 he came to Leechburg to take charge of Kirkpatrick's mine, now owned by the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company. Mr. Shoff has thirty-one men under him at the mine, and is a very efficient man.

In 1888 Mr. Shoff married Bessie E. Marks, daughter of George and Mary Marks, of Center county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Shoff have no children. He is a member of the Odd

Fellows, belonging to the local lodge and to the encampment; and is a Mason, in this connection holding membership in Leechburg Lodge, No. 577, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M., of Kittanning; and Tancred Commandery, No. 48, K. T., of Pittsburgh. He is very well known fraternally. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served in the council of Leechburg for seven years. The Lutheran Church of Leechburg holds his membership, and he is on the church council.

FOSTER. The Foster family is one of Irish extraction originally, although for several generations its members have played an important part in the history of Pennsylvania, to which the founder came before the organization of Armstrong county. The family is a large one, its representatives being found in various localities, and they all are worthy of the sturdy stock from which they spring.

Thomas Foster was born in County Donegal, Ireland, and coming to America with his family settled in what is now Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa. Here he spent the remainder of his life. His children were: David; William; Joshua; John; Margaret, Mrs. Alcorn; Catherine, who married Joseph Stockdill; Mary, who died unmarried; and Martha, who married George Stockdill.

Joshua Foster, son of Thomas, and father of Joshua, was born in Donegal, Ireland, and was brought to America by his parents when six years old, arriving here in 1822. He married Margaret Stockdill, born in Ireland July 24, 1818, and they settled upon a farm at what is now Snydersville, Wayne township. Mr. Foster built a comfortable residence upon this property, dying there July 19, 1890, his widow surviving until July 27, 1891, and both are interred in the old Episcopal burial grounds in Wayne township, near Echo. They had children as follows: Catherine, born March 1, 1841, died in infancy; Thomas was born March 27, 1842; Rebecca J., born Jan. 10, 1844, married Robert Stuart; George, born March 27, 1845, died Aug. 18, 1866; David was born Dec. 31, 1847; Joshua was born Aug. 28, 1852; Joseph Clark, born Sept. 2, 1857, died Sept. 14, 1902.

David Foster, son of the above mentioned Joshua, married Elizabeth McKinley. He is now living retired at Kittanning. His family consisted of children as follows: Albert, Edward, Bertha, Jennie, Bella and Rebecca.

Joshua Foster, son of Joshua Foster, was reared to agricultural pursuits, and has always lived upon the homestead which is now his property. He owns 150 acres of valuable farm land, on which he has one gas well; the land is underlaid with soft coal, which is very valuable.

Mr. Foster married Margaret A. Williamson, daughter of Hugh Williamson, of Boggs township, this county, and the following children have been born to them: Florence; Hannah R., who died in 1907, aged twenty-two years; Sadie, who died at the age of two years, nine months, twelve days; and Ira, who is at home, assisting his father on the farm.

Mr. Foster is a Democrat. He belongs to the Episcopal Church, which he is serving as vestryman. For years he has been one of the leading agriculturists and reliable citizens of his township.

Andrew S. Foster, merchant and postmaster at Echo, Pa., was born May 16, 1882, in Cowanshannock township, this county, son of Thomas and Mary Jane (Stuart) Foster, grandson of Joshua Foster, and great-grandson of Thomas Foster.

Thomas Foster, father of Andrew S. Foster, was born at the Foster homestead in Wayne township March 27, 1842, and was reared upon this property. For some years he farmed in Wayne township, but later purchased property in Cowanshannock township, where he died Aug. 3, 1903. He was one of the well-known men of his period and locality. His wife was a daughter of William Stuart, of Wayne township. Thomas and Mary Jane (Stuart) Foster had the following children: Anna R., who married George M. Evans, and resides at New Kensington, Pa.; Margaret M., who married Fulton Adams, and also lives at New Kensington; William T., who is married to Margaret Bowser, living on the old homestead; Andrew S.; Emma L., who married Oliver L. Beck, a merchant of New Kensington; Patterson, who died at the age of seven years; and Clark, who died when six months old. The widowed mother of this family resides at New Kensington.

Andrew S. Foster attended public school in his native township and Rural Valley high school, following which he took a course at Slippery Rock Normal School, to fit himself for the profession of teaching. For two terms he proved his ability in this line, one in Cowanshannock township, and the other in Valley township. For the following seven years he was engaged in oil well drilling. He then spent eighteen months at Pittsburgh, in the insurance business, and on June 1, 1911, came to Echo. Buying out H. M. Bowser's general

store, he has since conducted it with profit to himself and accommodation to the people of Echo, for he carries a full and varied line of goods, priced moderately so as to meet the demands of his customers. On Oct. 2, 1911, he received his appointment as postmaster.

Mr. Foster married Florence A. Miller, daughter of William Miller, of Wayne township. Two children, Floyd W. and Verna P., have been born of this marriage. Mr. Foster is a Republican. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church, and fraternally is connected with the Odd Fellows (Lodge No. 738, of Dayton), the Eagles (at the same place, charter member), and the Elks (at Kittanning, Pennsylvania).

PERRY McCUEN RAMSEY, jeweler and agent for custom-made clothing at Parkers Landing, was born Nov. 30, 1847, in Donegal township, Butler Co., Pa., son of George S. and Eliza (Bain) Ramsey, natives of Carlisle and Gettysburg, Pa., respectively.

James Ramsey, paternal grandfather of Perry M. Ramsey, came to Sugar Creek township, Armstrong county, prior to 1820, and for many years worked at tailoring, being very proficient at his trade. He continued to reside in that township until his death, which occurred at the extreme old age of ninety-six years.

George S. Ramsey, son of James Ramsey, and father of Perry M. Ramsey, was reared to manhood in Sugar Creek township, but after attaining his majority he went to Donegal township, Butler county. Having become an English and German scholar, he divided his time between teaching in the winter and farming in the summer. He gained a widespread and honestly earned reputation for integrity and efficiency, and at the time of his early demise, when only forty-one years old, he was auditor of Butler county. George S. Ramsey and his wife had a family of five children: William B., John S. (deceased), James H. (deceased), George W. and Perry M.

John Bain, maternal grandfather of Perry M. Ramsey, was numbered among the sturdy pioneers of Madison township, Armstrong county, coming here from Gettysburg. He cleared off and developed a fine farming property, which continued to be his home until his death. His wife was Charity Saunders, and one of their children, Eliza, married George S. Ramsey and became the mother of Perry M. Ramsey.

Perry McCuen Ramsey was reared through a normal boyhood to maturity on the old Bain homestead, and attended the Madison township district schools. After leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade. The fall of 1869 marked his arrival at Parkers Landing. Here he secured employment with Roberts & Black, at Tank building, remaining with them until the spring of 1870, when he went to Kellersburg, Armstrong Co., Pa., continuing to work at his trade there for a year. Returning to Parkers Landing, he became associated with his brother, William B. Ramsey, a coal dealer, remaining with him from 1873 to 1880. In the latter year he formed a new partnership, as member of the firm of Kirkbride & Ramsey, and handled flour and all kinds of feed for a year. Mr. Ramsey then bought out his partner, and continued alone for a year, when he sold the business and embarked in the grocery trade. Until 1887 he continued to operate his grocery, then selling it and going into a teaming enterprise, which engrossed his attention until the fall of 1893, when he went to Findlay, Ohio. For four years he was employed in that city as clerk and cashier in a wholesale and retail dry goods store. Returning once more to Parkers Landing, he interested himself in several lines until 1900, when he embarked in the custom-made clothing business, which he has built up to large proportions. On April 11, 1911, responding to a well defined demand, he added a jewelry department which he has found profitable, and he has since put in a line of kodaks, and has a laundry and dry cleaning agency.

The first wife of Mr. Ramsey was Lottie Jane, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Rhodes) Myers, of Deanville, Armstrong Co., Pa. By this marriage he had two daughters: Mary G., wife of Elliott A. McGinnis, of Scio, Ohio; and Lottie J., wife of George Leary, of Findlay, Ohio. Mr. Ramsey was married second to Louisa P., daughter of Adam and Barbara (Byers) Thane, of Parkers Landing, both natives of Germany. Three children were born of this marriage: Lida, wife of Dean W. Parker, of Toledo, Ohio; Perry M., deceased, and Amy, wife of Henry L. Ewald. Mr. Ramsey's third marriage was to Harriet Yockey, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Myers) Yockey, of Worthington, Pa. Two children were born of this union, Anna Vivian and Knerr, the latter deceased. Mr. Ramsey has eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all living. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey are members of the First Methodist Church of Parker City. Politically he is a Republican.

He is a good business man and excellent citizen, and has many warm personal friends in the community where his interests have been centered for so many years. While not seeking for public honors, Mr. Ramsey represented the Second ward in the city council for six years, during the eighties, and in November, 1913, was again elected to represent that ward in the council. Though sixty-six years old he is remarkably well preserved and as active as ever.

FRANCIS FURLONG is a highly respected citizen of Mahoning township, Armstrong county, where he has resided for forty years, and he has lived on his present farm since 1890. He is a native of the county, born May 22, 1845, in Red Bank township, son of John and Susanna (Abel) Furlong, and is of Irish and German descent. His parents were both born in Philadelphia. They settled in Red Bank township prior to 1830, and purchasing a farm of 133 acres cleared and improved the greater part of it. John Furlong died there Jan. 6, 1871, at the age of seventy-four years. He and his wife had a family of seven children: Reuben, who is deceased; James, deceased; Edward; William, deceased; John; Emeline E., wife of Isaac Brocious, and Francis.

Francis Furlong was reared on the paternal farm in Red Bank township, where he lived until 1872. He had the common school advantages afforded in the neighborhood, and was trained to farm work from boyhood, also following teaming. In 1872 he came to Mahoning township, where in 1890 he purchased and moved to the place he has since occupied, having a tract of 129 acres which is a credit to its owner and to the district in which it is situated. He is recognized by his neighbors and fellow citizens generally as a trustworthy man, and has been called upon to fill various local offices, having served several terms as school director and done his duties faithfully in other positions of trust in the township. He is a Democrat in politics, is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry in Madison township, and is an esteemed member of the Baptist Church at Oakland, which he has served as trustee for several years.

Mr. Furlong was married March 18, 1869, to Margaret Cathcart, daughter of Samuel and Anna (Reed) Cathcart, of Mahoning township, and granddaughter of Robert Cathcart, who settled in what is now Mahoning township in 1805, being probably the first settler there. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Furlong: Ross, who married Clara Pence; Charlie E., who married Onie Willison; Elsie, married to Clarence Shumaker; Boyd, married to Sadie Sharrar, and Gertrude, married to C. F. Willison.

HUGH F. ISEMAN, dairyman and farmer of Manor township, was born Dec. 27, 1866, at Kittanning, Pa., son of Jacob and Sarah (Gallaher) Iseman.

After a course in the Manor district school, Hugh F. Iseman attended school at Kittanning, and until he was twenty-two years old worked on his father's farm. He then spent six years in the employ of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, at Ford City. Leaving this concern Mr. Iseman resumed farming, and in 1908 branched out in the dairy business, furnishing milk at Ford City. He has built up a large and prosperous business, owing to the quality of his product and his straightforward methods.

In 1907 Mr. Iseman was married to Kate Wilson, daughter of Isaac Wilson, of Kittanning. Mrs. Iseman is a musician of considerable talent, and has studied to some purpose both instrumental and vocal music. For four years she was musical instructor in the Kittanning public schools in which she taught altogether seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Iseman have three children: Hugh Wilson, Robert Earl and Lois Irene. Mr. and Mrs. Iseman are consistent members of Emanuel Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Iseman has been secretary and treasurer for more than fifteen years. In addition he served for several years as superintendent of the Sunday school. Besides looking after his personal affairs Mr. Iseman finds time to take an interest in public matters, serving his township as supervisor. He is a member of the Independent Americans.

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS WALKER, a prominent attorney at law and one of the distinguished citizens of Kittanning, was born at Sykesville, Jefferson Co., Pa., Dec. 14, 1879, a son of Frederick and Christina (Zufall) Walker.

Frederick Walker was born in Germany, and came to the United States with his parents in 1847. A settlement was made in Jefferson county, Pa., where father and son engaged in agricultural pursuits, the latter also working at his trade of carpenter. Frederick Walker became the father of eleven children: Pauline R.; Mary C., wife of A. L. George; Henry W.; George F.; Barbara C., wife of William J. Hess; James I.; John, deceased;



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Gustavus A.; Clarence H.; Effie R., wife of Orren D. Couch; and Emma, who died in infancy.

Gustavus Adolphus Walker first attended public school in Jefferson county. He prepared for college at the Kittanning Academy, following which he entered Washington and Jefferson College, and remained nearly three years. Returning to Kittanning, he began the study of law with ex-Judge Calvin Rayburn, of that place, and was admitted to the Armstrong county bar in May, 1903. Since that time he has been engaged in active practice here, and connected with some very important litigation.

On May 23, 1906, Mr. Walker was united in marriage with Mary F. Swan, daughter of John M. Swan, of Wickboro, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are the parents of three children: Edith R., Charles F. and Mary A. Mr. Walker belongs to the Reformed Church, and is one of its most liberal supporters.

HENRY NESBIT MILLER, a retired railroad man, living in the borough of Freeport, Armstrong county, was born Feb. 6, 1835, in Young township, Indiana Co., Pa., son of Michael Miller, a native of Lancaster county, Pa., born August 28, 1806. His father was born Dec. 24, 1775. The Miller family is of German descent and has been settled in Pennsylvania for over a century.

Michael Miller, father of Henry N. Miller, grew up in Lancaster county, receiving his education in the common schools, and there married Christian Burns, of Scotland, who came with her parents to America when three years old, the family finally settling in Young township, Indiana Co., Pa. Her father, Thomas Burns, was a farmer; he and his wife and all their family died in Indiana county. Michael Miller learned the trade of shoemaker and followed it for a number of years, but farming was his principal occupation. He lived in Conemaugh township, and retired some years before his death, which occurred in Indiana county July 24, 1891. His wife died Oct. 19, 1883. Mr. Miller was originally an old-line Whig and later a Republican. He and his wife were members of the U. P. Church. They had the following children: Henry Nesbit; Robert Burns, deceased, who was a carpenter and farmer; Ann Elizabeth, who married John Lowman (both are deceased); Graham, at one time a railroad man, who was injured on the road and afterward worked in a store in Allegheny, Pa., where he died; Mary Jane, who died unmarried; Harvey, a farmer, living on the old place in Indiana county, Pa.; Margaret, who died unmarried; and two who died young.

Henry N. Miller received most of his education at the common schools, attending the Jacksonville Academy for four summer terms, between 1850 and 1860. He taught eleven terms of school in his native county. In April, 1863, he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as a laborer, at Blairsville, Pa., and in the fall of that year was made conductor on a construction train, being thus employed until July 4, 1864. He was on the subdivision at Saltsburg, Pa., in 1864, worked between Kiskiminetas Junction and Saltsburg, with headquarters at Apollo, Pa., and later was transferred to Blairsville, having charge of the first section on the Indiana branch. Subsequently he was made yard foreman, and on March 1, 1874, was promoted to the supervision of Division 19, with headquarters at Freeport, in this capacity having charge of all the track from Kiskiminetas Junction to the west end of the division. While holding that position he built, in 1887, 1888 and 1890, twenty-two miles of the second track on the West Pennsylvania railroad east of Allegheny. Mr. Miller retired in 1902, after serving the Pennsylvania Company forty-two years in all. He owned a farm in Conemaugh township, Indiana county, but has sold the surface, reserving the coal.

Mr. Miller was married at Blairsville, Pa., April 2, 1861, to Frances C. Nesbit, of Indiana county, a daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah Nesbit. Her father was a farmer in Indiana county; only two of his family are now living, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Martha McMeans, the latter of Homestead, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have had four children: Martin E. went to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company May 1, 1875, as clerk, and later was operator at different places, agent at Freeport for many years, and now lives at home with his parents because of poor health (he is a member of the I. O. O. F.); Thomas went to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as bookkeeper and later as conductor, and is now with the Park Mills Company at Pittsburgh, Pa. (he married in September, 1885, Mary Johnson, and they have two children, Mary and Thomas R.); Wilbert H., a fireman, lives at home; Jessie A. is at home.

Mr. Miller served as member of the Freeport council three years, was on the school board for six years, and is now a member of the poor board. He votes the Republican ticket. For many years he has been an Elder

in the U. P. Church at Freeport, and active in church work. The poems which appear below were written by him, and the one first given was read July 30, 1912, at the installation of the present pastor of his church. Mr. Miller has composed a number of verses and takes considerable pleasure in writing rhymes and other productions. During the panic year of 1908 he wrote about twenty poems, long and short, which were published in the town paper. Some of the old railroad men there have requested him to gather his verses into a volume for publication. A number of his poems are on the Sabbath school lessons and similar subjects, the longest containing about two hundred and seventy-five lines. Though in his eightieth year he is well preserved, has good eyesight and an excellent memory.

With hearts sincere we welcome you,
This very eve as here we meet,
And trust to you we'll each be true
With Christian tempers pure and sweet.
As a pastor and a teacher
With success may you be crowned,
And may your efforts as a preacher
Show in doctrine that you are sound.
And may God's Spirit guide your thoughts
In all your sermon preparations,
So that your mind may be confined
To scripture facts, not speculations.
And while you labor in this field,
May all our members do their part
To help your teachings good fruit yield
And blessings bring to each one's heart.

We trust each member day by day
In earnestness will pray for you,
That ev'rything you do or say
May help us better work to do.
Then with assurance we can rest
Through Spirit guidance from above
That all our labors will be blest
And we'll increase in faith and love.
We trust that all, both young and old
In unity may work together
In such a way as to unfold
Our Christian treatment of each other.
Let Spirit guidance be our rule
In all departments of church work
So that our zeal may never cool
And cause us in the rear to lurk.
To do good work should be our aim
In all church work in ev'ry line,
Doing all in our Savior's name
In detail at the proper time.

July 30, 1912.

If but two days you work a week,
It's better than no work at all;
Cut down your own expenses, too,
In all details, however small.
Because you can't get in full time
Don't kick; keep cool; don't be profane;
For that will only make things worse,
Your record blacken, stain your name.
In household lines stop ev'ry leak
In all details of food supplies;
The luxuries cut out complete,
The cut in cost will you surprise.
At supper time eat mush and milk—
The best of food in winter weather;
Don't purchase suits as fine as silk,
Let patches hold old suits together.
With plainest food and raiment, too,
You'll find you can contented be;
You'll find your health will not decline
From doctor bills you will be free.
A penny saved, the Scotchmen say,
Is just as good as one hard-earned.
In many ways a man can save
When common sense he once has learned.
A patch on patch is no disgrace.
Provided all is neat and clean;
Such will not change good looks a bit,
Nor turn fat flesh to that of lean.

Jan. 17, 1908.

The Robin

Those charming birds we call the robin
This spring did promptly come to hand,
With songs as sweet as heretofore,
In solos thrilling, simply grand.
They skip about from day to day
Among the branches of the trees,
And in their habits they display
No discontent but perfect ease.
Their aptness in the search of food
On grassy lawns, from day to day,
Is demonstrated by their actions
Which so acutely they display.
They manifest expertness rare
As to location of a nest;
Among the branches of the trees
They never fail to find the best.
And when it's time to build the nest,
They clearly show they understand
The outs and ins of nest construction
In all details completely planned.
And while the building's going on
They cheer us with their morning song.
As work progresses day by day,
No strikes occur to cause delay.
No architect doth them direct
How they the structure should erect;

By instinct guided no mistake
Occurs in efforts that they make.
If poor frail man was just as wise
Methinks we could at once surmise
That labor troubles would decline
And disappear in course of time;
That common sense would rule the house
And judgment wise assert its power.

March, 1910.

ALVIN LEONARD GEORGE, proprietor of the George restaurants in Kittanning, and a business man of more than usual ability, was born Feb. 8, 1862, in Armstrong county, Pa., son of William and Margaret (Dible) George, and grandson of Leonard George.

Leonard George moved to Armstrong county from Westmoreland county, this State, and became a prosperous farmer. He and his excellent wife became the parents of twelve children who grew up to do them credit.

William George, like his father, was a farmer of Armstrong county and a well-known man. His family consisted of the following children: John, Edward, Howard, Mary (wife of Andrew Metzler), Malinda (wife of W. F. Stitt), Della (wife of Joseph Spahr), Alvin L., and one who died in infancy.

Alvin Leonard George was educated in the country schools of his district, and was brought up in the wholesome atmosphere of the farm. Until 1891 he remained with his father, and then began business for himself. Realizing the opening for a restaurant in Kittanning, he established himself in a small way in that line, and soon found that it would be necessary to enlarge his field of operation. At present he owns and operates three thoroughly modern restaurants. These cafes are well equipped with all appliances, and the cuisine is such as to command a steady patronage. Mr. George gives them all his personal supervision, and they would be considered high-grade in any location.

Mr. George has served six years as a member of the city council, and is a man widely known and universally liked, for he is pleasant in manner and genial in disposition. Any worthy movement tending toward the general uplift of Kittanning finds in him an ardent supporter, for he takes great pride in civic progress. Fraternally he affiliates with the Knights of Pythias, Elks, Eagles, and other similar organizations. His religious home is in the Presbyterian Church.

On June 30, 1887, Mr. George married Mary Walker, daughter of Frederick Walker, of Jefferson county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. George have five living children: William, Pauline, Margaret, Alvin and Mary. Etta died at the age of six years.

GEORGE W. CLARK, a highly respected citizen of Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong Co., Pa., who lives on his farm there now somewhat retired from active life, was born in that township Dec. 16, 1844, son of Henry B. and Lena Clark.

John Clark, his grandfather, was born in County Derry, Ireland, and after coming to America took part in the war of 1812, later settling in Pennsylvania.

Henry B. Clark, son of John, was born in Pennsylvania, and lived in Allegheny county until he was eighteen years of age. Then he came to Armstrong county, where he purchased the farm of 200 acres in Kiskiminetas township on which he lived until his death, meantime adding fifty-three acres to his original tract. He carried on general farming and also raised horses, cattle and sheep. Both he and wife were members of the Lutheran Church, in which he was an elder for many years. His death occurred in 1885, his widow surviving until 1895. Of their twelve children four sons and four daughters are yet living, George W. being the eldest of these.

George W. Clark obtained his education in the district schools of Armstrong county, attending during the winter sessions until he was seventeen years of age and for one year longer helping his father on the home farm. Then he learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked for two years at Kittanning and afterward in York and Juniata counties. In the fall of 1866 he came to Armstrong county and in 1867 built a blacksmith shop at Spring Church, for the next twenty-four years engaging there in work at his trade. Mr. Clark became a leading citizen of the place, served as tax collector for several years, was township supervisor for one year, and for six years was overseer of the poor.

Mr. Clark was married Sept. 21, 1869, at Apollo, Pa., to Margaret Remaley, who died in 1906, and he has since made his home with a daughter, near Spring Church. Five children were born to the above marriage, three of whom are living, namely: Nora Ann, who is the wife of Edwin Stanton Jackson; William Henry; and Jennie, deceased Jan. 29, 1913, who was the wife of R. M. Reed. Mr. Clark and family are members of the Lutheran Church.

SAMUEL YINGST, tax collector and farmer of Gilpin township, was born there Aug. 29, 1849, a son of Samuel and Christina (Klingensmith) Yingst. His paternal grandfather came from Germany, settling at what is now Bagdad, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he died, as did his wife, and they are buried in the cemetery at Freeport, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Yingst was born in Bagdad, and moved to that part of Allegheny township now known as Gilpin, farming until his death, which occurred July 31, 1850, when he was fifty-five years, four months, twenty-seven days old. His wife died Feb. 16, 1885, aged sixty-five years, eleven months, eighteen days. Their children were: Catherine, who married Joseph Low (who served in Company M, 5th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery), and (second) Robison Bowser; David, who died in 1908, aged fifty-seven years; Mary A., who married Anthony Altman and (second) his brother William; Henry E., who married Mary Hust, and lives in Totonto, Ohio; Christina, who married John Welsh; and Samuel. After the death of Mr. Yingst his widow married (second) Joseph Lessig, and they had one son, Zachariah, now living in Gilpin township.

Samuel Yingst, Jr., attended public school in his native township, and when eighteen years old began learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1902, in various places, although his permanent residence was near the Forks Church. During ten years of this period he took contracts in Leechburg and the surrounding country, building houses, barns and coal tipples, doing a large business. He is also engaged in the flour and feed business at Forks Church, being one of the best known men of Gilpin township.

On June 1, 1871, Mr. Yingst was married to Sarah A. Bowman, daughter of George and Sarah (Turney) Bowman, and the following children have been born of this marriage: Clara B. married William Fair; George E., who married Laura Myers, lives at Leechburg; Sarah E. married Jonathan Myers; Harry T., who married Verna Hawk, lives at New Kensington; J. Philip lives in Dravosburg, Pa.; Effie G. is married to Lyal Phillips and living at New Kensington; William D. is braking on the Pennsylvania railroad.

Mr. Yingst is a Democrat. In 1909 he was elected tax collector of Gilpin township, and reelected in 1913, for four years. He is a member of the Lutheran Forks Church, having joined when eighteen years old, and is very prominent in its work, having served as deacon for twelve years and trustee nine years. When the new church edifice was built he served on two building committees, giving the church the benefit of his practical experience. Mr. Yingst gives his services as janitor and sexton of the church he loves so dearly. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows and the State Grange.

The Yingst family holds annual reunions, and Mr. Yingst is very much interested in these gatherings and active in promoting them, having been president of the association from the beginning.

WILLIAM R. THOMPSON, a farmer of Cowanshannock township, is a son of James and Jane (Neely) Thompson.

James Thompson and his wife were both natives of County Donegal, Ireland, came to the United States, and were married in Philadelphia, Pa. Prior to 1847 they came to Armstrong county, Pa., settling in Cowanshannock township, where they bought a tract of fifty acres on which they lived for three years. At the expiration of that period they were able to buy 120 acres of land which they improved to some extent, and there the father died Feb. 5, 1882, aged seventy-one years. They had the following children: John B. married Leanna Lukehart; Mary A. married Albert McHenry; Sarah J. married Miles Rearick; William R. is mentioned below; Elizabeth was next in the family; Nancy M. married Clark G. Marshall; Clara C. married David McNutt.

William R. Thompson was brought up on the homestead, where he lived for fifty-two years, and was educated in the local schools, attending what is known as the Barmara district school. His life work has been farming and he has made a success of his efforts, owning the old homestead of 120 acres, thirty-five acres adjoining, and the farm of ninety-five acres on which he has resided since 1906. This latter property is very valuable, and since taking possession of it he has made some very substantial improvements, including a handsome two-story residence which he built in 1906, and a bank barn that compares favorably with the best in the township, which he put up in 1907.

On Feb. 25, 1892, Mr. Thompson was married to Clara J. Moore, daughter of Israel and Susan (Tetterhoff) Moore, of Rayne township, Indiana county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have one living son, James M. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

A Republican in politics, as was his father, Mr. Thompson takes a public-spirited interest in local and national affairs. An excellent farmer, good business man and conscientious official, Mr. Thompson is an ideal citizen and one who commands the confidence of all who know him.

DAVID EHRHEART WOLF, farmer of Bethel township, living at Center Valley, is a well-known citizen of his section of Armstrong county, where he has served in various public capacities which have brought him into contact with the residents of the locality. He is a son of Samuel B. Wolf, and grandson of Jacob Wolf, who was of German descent.

Samuel B. Wolf was born in Armstrong county July 26, 1825, and died March 5, 1907. He followed the blacksmith's trade. His wife, Maria (Wareham), was born in Armstrong county Feb. 22, 1830, and died in November, 1901. She, too, was of German descent. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf had a family of eight children, six sons and two daughters; four of the sons still survive.

David Ehrheart Wolf was born July 25, 1851, in Center Valley, Armstrong county, in what was then Allegheny (now Bethel) township, and received the name Ehrheart in honor of one of the early ministers of the neighborhood. He learned his father's trade, blacksmithing, which he has followed to some extent, but he is at present engaged in farming, in which he has met with success. He is also an undertaker, and acts as health officer for Parks, Gilpin and Bethel townships, giving highly satisfactory service to the community in this responsible office. He has been tax collector for Bethel township for a period of seven years, and was clerk for the jury commissioner for nine years, his long continuance in office being the best evidence of his efficient work. Politically he has always been a Republican. He belongs to the Lutheran Church, and fraternally is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., belonging to White Rock Lodge, No. 979, in which he has passed all the chairs, and to Encampment No. 244, Kittanning.

Mr. Wolf's first marriage was to Martha J. Beattie, daughter of Samuel W. and Mary (Mott) Beattie. She died in 1883, the mother of four children, namely: Guy Smith, who is now engaged as a steamboat man; Lottie O., who married T. S. Weaver and died in September, 1911, the mother of four children, two deceased in infancy, and Philip and Sherman, living; Murnice R., who was drowned May 25, 1901; and Myrtle M., Mrs. Sims, of Chicago, Ill. In 1890 Mr. Wolf married (second) Eva Smith, of Armstrong county, daughter of Peter A. and Sarah Smith, and they have had one child, Lola, now the wife of Clyde A. Crail, of Center Valley, who has one son, Robert.

J. A. DAVIS, an enterprising farmer of Madison township, Armstrong county, has a property of eighty-six acres located on the road between Kellersburg and Widnoon.

Andrew Jackson Davis, his father, was born and reared in Westmoreland county, Pa. When a young man of twenty years he came to Armstrong county, engaging in ore mining and farming in Madison township. During the Civil war he entered the Union army as a member of Company C, 8th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and had a severe army experience, being wounded while in the service and taken prisoner. He was confined in both Libby and Andersonville prisons, but was finally exchanged. Returning to Armstrong county he was engaged in farming in Madison township until his retirement, and he now makes his home at Rimerton. He is a Republican, but has not been active in politics, and holds membership in the G. A. R. Mr. Davis was married in Madison township, to Elizabeth Early, daughter of John Early, of that township, and they had the following children, all born in Armstrong county; J. E., who lives at Templeton, this county; Margaret J., wife of John Koffman, living at Sherrett, this county; J. A., mentioned below; William, who was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as watchman at Wahls station; R. W., a street car man, residing at Pittsburg, Pa.; A. M., of Pittsburgh, an employee of the Standard Oil Company; C. H., of Height Station, Pa., a tea salesman; H. G., of Pittsburgh, a salesman for the Standard Oil Company; C. L., of Allegheny, Pa., an employee of the Pittsburgh Transformer Company; Pearl May, wife of James McElroy, living at Franklin, Pa.; and A. J., Jr., who died in infancy. The mother of these died in April, 1881, and is buried at Sherrett, Pa. She was a member of the M. E. Church. Mr. Davis was subsequently married (second) to Lima Greek, of Sherrett, daughter of Daniel Greek, an old settler of Washington township. Nine children were born to this marriage, viz.: Reed, employed at Vandergrift, Pa.; George, Christ and Roy, also at Vandergrift; and Sarah, Dewey, Frank, Verna and Crissie, all at home.

J. A. Davis was born Aug. 21, 1868, one mile north of Mahoning, in Madison township. He passed his early life in Washington township, remaining there until nineteen years old. He received a common school education. In his youth and early manhood Mr. Davis was engaged at farm work, and then was employed for a time as a section hand on the railroad. After this for a while he worked in the Twenty-ninth street rolling mill, at Pittsburgh, after which he was engaged as a coal miner for twelve years. His next work was with the Standard Oil Company, in whose employ he continued for five years, two and a half years of which period he spent at Allegheny and Pittsburgh. He has since been engaged in farming in Madison township, Armstrong county. His first property here consisted of thirty-seven and a half acres, which he sold, buying his present farm from the D. O. Callen family. It was well improved when he acquired the ownership, but he has continued to make changes and develop its resources, having all but about fifteen acres of woodland and pasture under cultivation. He does general farming and within the last few years has been giving considerable attention to stock raising. For the last three years he has owned the fine stallion Rustique, a thoroughbred Percheron, now six years old. Mr. Davis is thoroughly alive to the progress of his community, and is always willing to lend his influence to its progressive movements. He is a member of the Madison Bell Telephone Company, of Tidal, and belongs to the Madison Grange. He is a prominent member of the M. E. Church of Widnoon, which he is serving as trustee and steward, and he held the office of supervisor of roads in Madison township for two years. Politically he is a Progressive Republican.

On Dec. 1, 1892, Mr. Davis was married to Laura Gray, who was born and reared in Madison township, daughter of George and Elizabeth Gray, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have no children.

JACOB P. KAMMERDIENER, farmer and miller of Boggs township, Armstrong county, is a man whose industry and enterprise have brought him notable success. Commencing life for himself with no special advantages, he has made the most of his opportunities and circumstances, has added to his property and widened his interests, and is now one of the substantial residents of his locality.

Mr. Kammerdiener was born Dec. 2, 1849, in Wayne township, this county, son of John Philip and Catherine (Breitenbach) Kammerdiener. His grandfather, George Peter Kammerdiener, came to America about 1811 with his wife and three sons, Jacob, John Philip and John. The family first lived at Sinking Valley, in Huntingdon county, Pa., thence moving to Dayton, Armstrong county, and later settling on the farm in Wayne township where Jacob P. Kammerdiener was born, the grandfather obtaining 1,200 acres in one tract, for which he paid about two dollars an acre. Building a log house and log barn he set himself industriously to work on the improvement of the place, where he lived the rest of his days. He was a Lutheran in religious connection, and helped to build the log church known as the Jerusalem church. He died Jan. 12, 1849, aged sixty-nine years; his wife, Anna Gertrude (Breitenbach), died Dec. 6, 1855, aged seventy-seven years.

John Philip Kammerdiener, father of Jacob P. Kammerdiener, was born at Kindheim, Germany. After the family settled on the farm in Wayne township he always lived there, and he greatly improved the property in his time, replacing the original log buildings with modern structures and developing the land to a profitable state of fertility. He lived to the age of ninety-three years, dying July 15, 1907. In religion Mr. Kammerdiener was a Lutheran and served his church officially for many years. He was a Republican in political opinion, but never cared for public life or official honors. His wife, Catherine (Breitenbach), like himself a native of Kindheim, Germany, is still living on the old homestead, now aged eighty-two years; she was born June 6, 1832. Twelve children were born to this worthy couple: Louise, Jacob P., Elizabeth, Phoebe, Rebecca, George (deceased), Philip, Peter, Catherine, Anna (deceased), Henry M. (deceased) and Martha (deceased).

Jacob P. Kammerdiener lived on the family homestead in Wayne township until he was thirty-three years old, at which time he married and began farming for himself. After his marriage he settled in Boggs township, buying 101 acres where he now lives. There was not even a house on this land, and he built a dwelling and began the work of cultivation, which he has since continued with most gratifying results. As he prospered he added seventy-two acres to his original purchase, and he has devoted himself to general farming and allied interests, finding congenial employment in the different branches of work he has undertaken. He raises fullbred Shorthorn cattle, Berkshire hogs and grade horses,

owns an interest in a threshing outfit, and owns and operates a chopping mill which has proved to be a great convenience in the locality. In addition to looking after his private affairs Mr. Kammerdiener has found time to take an active part in public matters in his district. The first office to which he was elected was that of assessor, and he has since been chosen school director, supervisor (serving four years) and judge of election (two years). In politics he associates with the Republican party.

In 1882 Mr. Kammerdiener married Sarah J. Houser, who was born May 20, 1856, in Boggs township, daughter of Henry and Ester (Zimmerman) Houser, and they are the parents of three children, born as follows: Mary L., March 22, 1884; Margaret S., Nov. 21, 1888; and James A., Oct. 7, 1893. All live at home.

H. D. SMITH, justice of the peace and general merchant of East Franklin township, was born in Armstrong county, Oct. 17, 1869, son of L. H. and Anna (Weaver) Smith.

L. H. Smith was born in Pennsylvania, as was his wife. They are still living, residing in North Buffalo township, this county.

H. D. Smith grew up at home, attending school in the district. When he was twenty-two years old he left the farm, and worked for William McHaddon, a huckster in North Buffalo township, driving a team for four years. On Jan. 6, 1896, he embarked in business for himself as a general merchant, buying all kinds of country produce, which he ships to Kittanning. His business is a large one, and shows a healthy increase annually.

On Oct. 17, 1895, Mr. Smith was married, in North Buffalo township, to Anna Reed, who was born March 6, 1874, daughter of Robert Reed, a well-known resident of Armstrong county. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, three of whom survive: Zella R., born June 3, 1897; Leanora, born Sept. 22, 1900; and Harry Edwin, born May 5, 1908. Both daughters have graduated from school and have received a good musical education.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their children belong to the Presbyterian Church. In political belief he is a Republican. Over ten years ago he was first elected justice of the peace, and has been successively reelected since, the last time in November, 1911. The litigation with which he is concerned is generally of such a nature that by the exercise of considerable tact and plain common sense he is able to induce the contestants to adjust matters without carrying them further. Because of his special fitness for this office his neighbors desire him to serve them, and appreciate his efforts in their behalf. His acquaintanceship is large, and he numbers many friends among those with whom he has had dealings, whether of a business or official nature.

JOHN W. McINTIRE, of Wayne township, Armstrong county, is engaged in farming and stock raising, having a fine place three miles west of the borough of Dayton. He has passed all his life in this district, having been born Jan. 23, 1858, at the old McIntire homestead near Echo, in Wayne township.

John McIntire, his grandfather, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was a farmer by occupation. He removed to Armstrong county from Westmoreland county, Pa., and settled near Echo, purchasing a large farm to the cultivation of which he devoted the remainder of his life. His children were: John, who became a Methodist minister; Daniel S., father of John W. McIntire; Alexander, who died in Kansas; Altman, who died in Adams county, Ohio; Mary A., who married George McIntire, and died at Echo; and Catherine, who married John Wilson, and died in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

Daniel S. McIntire, son of John McIntire, was born in Westmoreland county, near Latrobe, and came to Armstrong county with his parents. He followed farming in Wayne township throughout his active years, dying in 1893. He married Martha Lias, daughter of Peter Lias, and to this union were born the following children: Elsie J., born Feb. 27, 1856, who died April 8, 1857; John W., born Jan. 23, 1858; Martin L., born Sept. 21, 1860; Emma R., born Feb. 5, 1863, who married Turney A. Troutman; Mary Ellen, born July 12, 1867, who died Dec. 26, 1877; and William D., born Jan. 23, 1871, who is living on the old homestead. The mother of this family died Dec. 10, 1878.

John W. McIntire began his education in the public schools of the home locality and later attended Dayton Union Academy. He was reared to farming from boyhood, and has followed it continuously, though for three winters during his young manhood he worked in the lumber woods in Elk county, Pa. He then devoted his time to general farming on the old homestead until his removal to his present home, in 1890, this being the old Martin Lias farm; before the latter's day it was the homestead of Peter Lias. It consists of

115 acres located about midway between Dayton and Echo, and is under excellent cultivation. Mr. McIntire has made a specialty of the breeding of registered Jersey cattle, Shropshire sheep and Poland China swine, as well as Ringlet Barred Plymouth Rock poultry, in the latter connection dealing extensively in eggs. He is a conscientious, reliable man, and has the confidence and respect of all who have had dealings with him. Though not identified with any political party, voting independently, he has been quite active in local politics and government, having served his township as auditor and tax collector.

On March 7, 1883, Mr. McIntire married Mary A. Schrecongost, daughter of John Henry and Sarah (Kline) Schrecongost, of Echo, Pa., and to them have been born six children: Blanche B., born March 21, 1884, is now the wife of A. A. Schrecongost; Ina Alice, born Feb. 7, 1887, is at home; Clair D., born Sept. 26, 1891, at home; Charles R., born March 26, 1883, died in infancy; Herbert F., born April 25, 1894, and Miles M., born May 24 1897, are at home.

Mr. McIntire is a prominent member of the M. E. Church at Echo and has always taken an active part in church work and enterprises. He is a local minister of his denomination, and for several years was very active in that capacity. He has served his church as class leader, trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school, still holding the latter office, which he has filled for many years.

WILLIAM A. NOBLE, business man of Freeport, Armstrong county, was born Oct. 11, 1864, in Sharpsburg, Pa., son of Louis Henry Noble and the oldest of his twelve children.

Louis Henry Noble learned the carpenter's trade early in life, following it until his retirement several years ago. He is now living in Sharpsburg, and is over seventy-one years old. His wife is aged over sixty-seven years. They are consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church.

William A. Noble attended the common schools until he was fifteen years old, when he began working as a packer in the glass works of Tibby Brothers, in his native city. Later he was a packer in a furniture house, and then for eight years he and his father conducted a feed business in Sharpsburg, under the firm name of L. H. Noble & Son. In 1900 this connection was severed, and Mr. Noble established himself at Freeport, where he handles hay, straw, grain, feed and salt, both wholesale and retail. During the time he has been connected with the business interests of Freeport Mr. Noble has proved himself a man worthy of confidence, and has built up a large trade. He is a Democrat politically, although his business cares have kept him from active participation in public affairs. His religious connections are with the Catholic Church, of which he has been a member since childhood.

JAMES M. McMILLEN, a well-known and highly respected farmer of Mahoning township, Armstrong county, was born in Porter township, Clarion Co., Pa., Feb. 9, 1850, son of Robert and Nancy (Moore) McMillen.

John McMillen, his paternal grandfather, was born April 4, 1757, and died Dec. 7, 1837. His wife, Jane Calhoon, was born Sept. 22, 1773, and died March 18, 1850. They were the parents of ten children: Mary married John Cochran; Jeannette married Richard Beatty; Nancy married John Girts; John married Sarah Maxwell; William married Jane Moore; Margaret married Harmon Girts; Martha married Joseph Watterson; Robert married Nancy Moore; Wilson married Mary Maxwell; Elizabeth C. married Isaac McMillan (no relation).

Robert McMillen, son of John, was born Aug. 22, 1811. In early manhood he came from Westmoreland county to Clarion county, and settled on a tract of 400 acres, near New Bethlehem, now owned by the Canton Hollow Brick & Tile Company. He aided his parents in clearing up a part of this tract, and in 1851 sold it to William Henry, and removed to Mahoning township, where he located on the farm now owned by his son James M. This farm comprised fifty-two acres of land, and is on the hill about one and a half miles south of New Bethlehem, on the road from there to Putneyville. Here his death occurred Sept. 7, 1884. Mr. McMillen married Nancy Moore, who was born Feb. 2, 1819, in County Derry, Ireland, and died June 24, 1896. She was the daughter of William Moore, born in 1779, in County Derry, Ireland, who died Dec. 5, 1867, aged eighty-eight years. Mr. Moore was an early settler of what is now Clarion county, and was a farmer by occupation. His wife was Mary Downs, born in 1782, died in 1832.

Robert McMillen and his wife, Nancy, were the parents of ten children, viz.: William, deceased; Elizabeth Jane, deceased wife of John A. Humphreys; Lovina, deceased wife

of Jacob Philips; Amos M., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; John C., who married Margaret Cox, and both are deceased (they had one daughter, Lillian P., of Pittsburgh, Pa.); Lucinda, deceased; James M., on the homestead; Craig H., deceased; Mary C., wife of George McDonald; and Adoniram J. of Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

James M. McMillen grew up on the homestead which has always been his home. He obtained his education in the local schools of Mahoning township and worked at the carpenter's trade with his brother Amos M. for twenty years. After the death of his father he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the homestead, and has since been engaged in farming there. He is progressive and up-to-date in his methods and on his farm has successfully grown the strawberry and other small fruits, in addition to the regular farm crops. Mr. McMillen is a member of New Bethlehem Lodge, No. 725, I. O. O. F., and in politics he is a Republican. He has served as assessor of Mahoning township for four years.

WILLIAM L. MARSHALL, farmer, residing in Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he is serving in the office of tax collector, was born on the old family homestead in that township Oct. 2, 1857, son of James R., grandson of William and great-grandson of Archibald Marshall.

William Marshall is the first ancestor of this line of which there is record.

Archibald Marshall, fourth son of William Marshall, married Margaret Wilson, and they had children as follows: Catherine, William, Joseph, John, Margaret, Archibald, James and Samuel.

William Marshall, first-born son of Archibald Marshall, was born Sept. 25, 1790, and about 1814 located on the farm in Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., now owned by his grandson, William L. Marshall. He was a well-read man for his day and taught school for a time, engaged also in farming, and evidently was one of the leading men in his district. His first marriage, on March 23, 1815, was to Isabella Russell, of Westmoreland county, who died March 30, 1831. In May, 1832, Mr. Marshall married Isabella Clyde for his second wife. He died in 1853, survived by children born to both marriages. By the first union his five children were: James R., Margaret, Archibald A., Mary and Isabella. By the second union there were four children: Jane, who married John Stewart; and John, William and Thomas, all of whom died young.

James R. Marshall, son of William and Isabella (Russell) Marshall, was born on his father's farm in Wayne township Jan. 10, 1818. As soon as he could safely handle tools he learned the carpenter's trade, but followed carpentering only a short time, finding it more profitable to operate the home farm, which he continued to do throughout his active life. He was a man of more than the average ability, although he had comparatively few educational opportunities, and his gifts and high character were recognized by his fellow citizens. For many years a large portion of his time was taken up with the duties of administering and settling up estates. He served acceptably in numerous public offices, being a school director, township supervisor and assessor and overseer of the poor, and in 1882 was one of the board of directors of the Dayton A. & M. Association. For many years he was an elder in the Glade Run Presbyterian Church and took much interest in the Sunday school, serving as its superintendent twenty-one years. A useful man in every way, his influence was beneficially felt and his death, which occurred Jan. 13, 1905, was regretted, although he had outlived many of his contemporaries.

James R. Marshall was married Dec. 8, 1842, to Margaret J. Marshall, daughter of Joseph and Margaret Marshall, born Feb. 11, 1817. They became parents of four children, namely: Amos W., who was born April 14, 1844, attended Glade Run Academy, and married Ellen E. McGaughey; George A., born Sept. 11, 1845, died March 22, 1855; Calvin, born Dec. 1, 1848, died Feb. 28, 1852; and William Lewis is the youngest.

William Lewis Marshall attended the country schools in boyhood and the summer terms at Glade Run Academy in 1875-76-77, as well as one winter term, after which he turned his attention to farming, the management of the home farm falling on his shoulders. He owns the old Marshall farm of 135 acres, in Wayne township, and continued to operate it until 1910, when he moved to his present home nearer Dayton, Pa. He is well known all through Armstrong and adjoining counties, his business as agent for the Pine Creek Insurance Company calling him to many points, and during the twelve years of this connection he has not only done a large amount of insurance business but has made hosts of personal friends. Politically he is a Democrat, and for

the last six years has been serving in the office of tax collector.

On Oct. 14, 1879, Mr. Marshall was married to Sadie E. Beck, a daughter of Daniel Beck, deceased, late of Wayne township and formerly of Clarion county, Pa. They have had eight children, namely: Nancy Margaret; Oscar Reed, who resides in Illinois; James Walter, who left the home farm in December, 1912, and moved to Illinois, where he is now engaged in farming; Rosella, who is the wife of Charles Shaffer, residing at Dayton; John C., who lives in Illinois; Ira, who died at the age of seven months; Alice H., and Nellie. Mr. Marshall and family belong to the Glade Run Presbyterian Church.

AMOS MERCER McMILLEN, a carpenter, who has been a resident of Armstrong county, Pa., for sixty-three years, was born March 17, 1843, in what is now Porter township, Clarion county, about one mile northwest of New Bethlehem, in a log house on the farm then owned by his father, Robert McMillen.

John McMillen, grandfather of Amos M., was born April 4, 1757, and his death occurred Dec. 7, 1837, in his eighty-first year. His wife, Jane (Calhoon), was born Sept. 22, 1773, and died March 18, 1850. They had ten children: Mary married John Cochran; Jeannette married Richard Beatty; Nancy married John Girt; John married Sarah Maxwell; William married Jane Moore; Margaret married Harmon Girts; Martha married Joseph Watterson; Robert is mentioned below; Wilson married Mary Helen Maxwell; Betsey C. married Isaac McMillen.

Robert McMillen, son of John, was born Aug. 22, 1811. He came from Westmoreland county to Clarion county in early manhood, and settled on a tract of 400 acres near New Bethlehem, now owned by the Canton Hollow Brick & Tile Company. He aided his parents in clearing up a part of this tract, and in 1851 sold it to William Henry, removing to Mahoning township, where he located on the farm now owned by his son James Moore McMillen. This farm comprised fifty-two acres, and is on the hill about one and a half miles south of New Bethlehem, on the road from there to Putneyville. Here his death occurred Sept. 7, 1884. Mr. McMillen married Nancy Moore, who was born Feb. 2, 1819, in County Derry, Ireland, and died June 24, 1896. She was the daughter of William Moore, born in 1779, in County Derry, Ireland, who died Dec. 5, 1867, aged eighty-eight years. Mr. Moore was an early settler of what is now Clarion county, and was a farmer by occupation. His wife was Mary Downs, born in 1782, died in 1832.

Robert McMillen and his wife, Nancy, were the parents of ten children, viz.: William, deceased; Elizabeth Jane, deceased wife of John A. Humphreys; Lovina, deceased wife of Jacob Philips; Amos M.; John C., deceased; Lucinda Downs, deceased; James Moore on the homestead; Craig H., deceased; Mary C., wife of George McDonnel, of Ford City, Pa., and Adoniram J., of Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

Amos M. McMillen was but eight years old when his father moved to Mahoning township. Until he was married he lived on the farm assisting his father, and attending the common schools of the locality. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he has followed since 1865. He has been a manufacturer of frame timber, and a builder of barns, houses, etc. When timber was harder to get he built balloon barns, after which he turned his attention entirely to the erection of dwellings, and he has put up some of the best buildings in New Bethlehem and vicinity. His work is exceedingly well done and he gives general satisfaction to all by whom he has been employed. Mr. McMillen has been a resident of South Bethlehem since 1875, and spent his entire life in this vicinity, with the exception of the years from April, 1907, to October, 1910, when he lived in Canton, Ohio. Here he was a ruling elder in the Calvary Presbyterian Church. In 1868 he built a house just across the Red Bank creek where he lived until May 10, 1875, when he moved to South Bethlehem to the house in which he now lives, this house being the fourth dwelling built in that plot of lots. The town of South Bethlehem has steadily grown until it now has a population of five hundred inhabitants, with three schools and an election house. The largest flouring mill in Armstrong county is located here, with a daily capacity of 125 barrels, and there is an electric plant which supplies light to the two boroughs.

Mr. McMillen married Dec. 24, 1868, Mary C., daughter of John and Caroline (Keller) Heasly, of Kellersburg, Madison township, Armstrong Co., Pa., and granddaughter of Henry and Mary (Reihard) Heasly, pioneers of Madison township. On the maternal side she is a granddaughter of Nicholas and Catherine Keller, natives of Germany, and also pioneers of Madison township. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McMillen, seven of whom survive: Oriola M. married Dona Buzzard, and lives in Hoboken,

Allegheny Co., Pa.; Henry H. is deceased; Clarence C. married Ada Ansell, and lives in Pasadena, Cal.; Martha Iva Pearl married Charles R. Kumpf, and lives in Canton, Ohio; Ada Blanche married John D. Beck, and lives in Summerville, Jefferson Co., Pa.; Mateer E. married Elsie Yeany and lives in Canton, Ohio; Lillie M. married John D. Traister, and lives at home (her husband died Feb. 3, 1907); Robert Fern married Lucy Stevens and lives in Canton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillen are members of the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, of which he has been an elder for upward of twenty-six years. He became a member about forty years ago, and was a Sunday school teacher the greater part of the time. For about twenty-seven years he was a ruling elder, being ordained in 1885. Upon his return from Canton, where he was ruling elder also, he was reelected in the New Bethlehem Church at the first congregational meeting held after his return to New Bethlehem, and he attended many meetings of the Clarion Presbytery, as representative of his church.

Fraternally Mr. McMillen is a member of New Bethlehem Lodge, No. 725, I. O. O. F., having been initiated Oct. 17, 1870, and has been a past officer of his lodge at least thirty years. He has represented his lodge at the Grand Lodge at the following places: Allentown, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Erie, Pa. He is also an honorary member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. Mr. McMillen is deeply interested in all town affairs and has served as school director and asssessor of South Bethlehem several terms. Politically he is a Republican and a strong advocate of temperance. Mr. McMillen's home is one of the finest in South Bethlehem, showing excellent taste and judgment.

S. A. LAMBING, a resident of Kiskiminetas township, was born April 2, 1870, in Maysville, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of Adam and Mary (Ashbaugh) Lambing.

Adam Lambing was born in Pennsylvania, and died in this State Dec. 28, 1894. His widow, also a native of Pennsylvania, now eighty-six years old, makes her home with her son. She and her husband had three children, two of whom survive; S. A. and Mrs. T. C. Almes, who has two children.

S. A. Lambing attended the common schools of his district until his nineteenth year, and then worked on a farm for the succeeding two years. He then obtained employment on the Pennsylvania railroad and worked for the company seventeen and a half years, being assistant section foreman during about twelve years of that period. In 1891 he purchased two and three quarters acres of land on which there was a house, but later disposed of it, and in 1907 bought 110 square rods, on which he has his home at present. The residence is a comfortable one, and there is also a store on the premises. In the same year that he purchased his lot, he bought out the general store of C. A. Shirly, and has conducted it ever since. In 1907 Mr. Lambing was appointed postmaster at Maysville, now Long Run, and is the present incumbent of the office. The Lutheran Church holds his membership. Mr. Lambing is a cousin of Father Andrew A. Lambing, mentioned elsewhere in this history.

WILLIAM L. BUCHANAN, postmaster at Sagamore, Armstrong county, was born in South Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., June 3, 1881, son of Andrew S. and Leah A. (Rishel) Buchanan, both also natives of Indiana county.

William P. Buchanan, his grandfather, was a native of Huntingdon county, Pa., coming of Scotch-Irish descent. He was among the pioneers of Indiana county, settling in what is now South Mahoning township, where he cleared and improved a farm of ninety-six acres. He built and operated a gristmill, continuing to run it for many years, and died on his property at an advanced age. His wife was Rebecca Spencer, and their children were as follows: Andrew S.; Jackson; Taylor; Jennie, who married Thompson Stumpf; and Samuel G.

The maternal grandfather, Lewis Rishel, was a pioneer of Canoe township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he opened up a farm and made many improvements upon his land. During the Civil war he entered the service of his country, belonging to an Indiana county regiment, but he never returned, and is supposed to have been killed at Stone River.

Andrew S. Buchanan, son of William P. Buchanan and father of William L. Buchanan, prior to and after the Civil war was a teacher in the public schools of Indiana county. He was a soldier in the Civil war, as a member of Company A, 161st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged before his term of service had expired owing to disability on account of sickness. He and his wife had the following children: Olive, who married Theodore Peterman; Charles W.; William L.; Earl, and Nettie.

William L. Buchanan was brought up in Indiana county, where he attended the common schools and Covode Academy, from which he was graduated in 1902. Later he attended the Indiana Normal School for three terms, and taught school in South Mahoning township three years. For one year he was principal of the Cherry Tree borough public school, and for one year was assistant public school principal at Pittsburgh. At this time he took up the study of civil engineering, but when a year later he was elected principal of the Sagamore public schools, he served during the term of 1908 in that capacity. On July 20, 1909, he was appointed postmaster at Sagamore, which office he still holds.

In June, 1907, Mr. Buchanan was married to Dora E., daughter of William and Mary Shepherd, of Cherry Tree, Pa., and they have one daughter, Mildred M. Mr. Buchanan is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. His fraternal affiliations are with the Odd Fellows, Knights of Malta and Knights of Pythias. Politically he is a Democrat, and has given his party faithful service.

MILES W. HETRICK, who follows the occupation of farming in Madison township, is a son of George L. and Elizabeth (Truitt) Hetrick.

Jacob Hetrick, his grandfather, was a native of Germany, and settled in what is now Mahoning township, Armstrong county, upon his arrival in this country. He cleared a farm here and lived here all his life. Children as follows were born to Jacob Hetrick and his wife: George L., Abram, Kuntz, Jeremiah, Moses, Mary (married Jacob Blake) and Sarah (married William Blake).

George L. Hetrick was born in Mahoning township, where he grew to manhood. He followed farming as his life occupation, clearing several farms with the assistance of his sons. While on a visit to Butler county, Pa., he died there, passing away at the age of eighty-six years. His wife Elizabeth was a daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Williams) Truitt, pioneers of Madison township. Nine children grew to maturity, viz.: Labannah, deceased; Augustus; Matilda, married to James Buzzard; Anderson D.; Miles W.; Lydia, married to John Balsiger; Margaret, married to Amos M. Willison; George, and J. Hetrick.

Miles W. Hetrick grew to manhood in Madison township on his father's farm, and received his education in the common schools of the locality. He has always followed farming as an occupation and has been successful, having owned and occupied his farm of eighty-seven acres since 1872. He is persevering and painstaking, and his energetic efforts have won him good results. He has a fine farm and is one of the prominent farmers of his township.

In 1871 Mr. Hetrick married Mary, daughter of Gottlieb and Hannah (Hurst) Keller, of Kellersburg, and by her he has had nine children, as follows: Lawrence Otto; Bertram; Della, who married Jacob Williams; Eva, who married E. R. Mobley; Clyde, who married M. B. Bish; Charles A.; Margaret, who married Harry Sherrieb; Marie and Harold K., at home. Mr. Hetrick is a public-spirited citizen, taking a great interest in all public affairs of his township. He has held various local offices in Madison township, including that of assessor for two terms. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious connection is a member of the Lutheran Church.

EDWARD E. RITCHEY, one of the representative men of Armstrong county, and a man universally respected because of his industrious habits and perseverance, was born at Templeton, this county, Sept. 18, 1875, son of Joseph and Margaret (Gould) Ritchey, and grandson of William Ritchey. William Ritchey was born and reared in Clarion county, Pa., and was a soldier during the war of 1812.

Joseph Ritchey, son of William, was a carpenter and miner. He had two brothers, John and James, who were both soldiers during the Civil war. James was captured and died at Andersonville prison. Joseph Ritchey was exempt from service because of services rendered taking care of his father. Joseph Ritchey and his wife had nine children, five of whom died in infancy, the others being: William; Minerva, wife of Daniel Bechtel; Minnie, wife of C. N. Bayne; and Edward E. The father of this family died in March, 1905. He was a member of what is known as the old Brethren in Christ Church.

Edward E. Ritchey attended public school at Templeton, and the Hall institute at Sharon, Pa. He then taught school at Templeton for five years, following which he was a high school teacher at Parkers Landing, Pa., for three years. For the next two years he was principal of the Clairton schools. Mr. Ritchey then located at Wickboro, and for six months was employed in the insurance business. He then became connected with the Carnegie Gas Company as writer of leases for the company, his territory including West-

moreland county, Clarion county and Armstrong county. In 1906 he embarked in the mercantile business at Wickboro, and has developed it into a prosperous concern. In February, 1909, he was elected burgess of Wickboro, Pa., and still holds that office. He is an Odd Fellow, a Forester and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose.

In 1900 Mr. Ritchey was married to Jessie F. Wolfe, daughter of Gilbert J. Wolfe, of Kittanning. They have three children: Morgan J., Margaret J. and Coburn S. Mr. Ritchey is a member of the Lutheran Church (general synod), and is an elder in the church to which he belongs and superintendent of the Sunday school. He is deeply interested in religious work.

DAVID A. GOLDMAN, proprietor of the "Park Hotel" at Ford City, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born in 1874 in Germany, son of Meyer and Anna Goldman.

Mr. Goldman secured his education in the excellent public schools and Königsberg College in Germany, coming to the United States in 1888. For a time he was at Charlevoi, Pa., going from there to Huntington, W. Va., and then to Kittanning, Pa., arriving in the latter city in 1893. In 1900 he came to Ford City, in 1902 building the "Commercial Hotel," a fine brick structure, and also the adjoining buildings, which comprise one of the handsomest business blocks in the place. For about five years Mr. Goldman personally conducted the hotel he had built and opened, but in 1907 he sold, and in 1911 purchased the "Park Hotel," which he is still conducting. This hostelry is located in a three-story brick building, 80 by 60 feet, elegantly furnished and well equipped with all modern conveniences to make it a first-class hotel in every respect. In 1900 Mr. Goldman was engaged in a wholesale liquor business, but disposed of this interest. In 1907 he bought the Heilman distillery in Manor township, which he is now operating. In 1909 Mr. Goldman was appointed justice of the peace, to fill the vacancy left by Justice Nelson, and in 1910 was elected to that office for a term of five years. However, in March, 1911, he resigned. For one year he served as a member of Ford City council.

On Aug. 13, 1897, Mr. Goldman married Anna Grieb, daughter of Lewis Grieb of Kittanning, Pa., and two children have been born to them, Lewis and Catherine. Mr. Goldman belongs to the order of Eagles at Ford City.

JOHN RALPH LEISTER, the leading photographer of Kittanning, was born Jan. 5, 1882, in Manor township, Armstrong county, and is a son of John E. and Hannah (O'Brien) Leister. His father is of German descent and his mother Irish, the father being American born and the mother coming from Ireland when she was but eight years old.

John E. Leister, the father, was born in 1844 in North Buffalo township, Armstrong county, and was a laborer (miner) by occupation. He and his wife have had five children, three living and two who died in infancy. Those living are: John R.; William H., who married Margaret Schreckengost, and has three children: William Ward, Hannah and Martha; and Joseph A., who married Anna French and has one child, Yola.

John R. Leister was educated in the public schools of Kittanning and began the labors of life as a glass polisher in the Wickboro Mirror Works, meanwhile taking up the study of photography. He worked with C. S. Hornstrom and on June 26, 1903, bought the studio of C. C. Shadle, on Market street, Kittanning, where he is now located.

Mr. Leister is not only an artist in every sense of the word, but is also a musician of note, being a member of the Musicians' Union of the United States and one of the leaders in the musical circles of Kittanning and the county. His photographic work ranks with that of the operators in the larger cities, and when he has gained in years and experience he will be classed among the leaders of the photographic art in America.

On April 16, 1912, Mr. Leister married Esther M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Donnelly, and they have one child, John Ralph, at this writing ten months old.

JOHN A. SAXMAN, farmer and fireman, of Wayne township, and one of the representative men of his section of Armstrong county, was born at his present home Aug. 24, 1870, son of John Saxman.

Frederick Soxman (for so the name was spelled originally), his grandfather, came from Germany, and settling in Armstrong county, Pa., in what is now Wayne township, bought what is now the Gallagher farm. His death occurred here, and his remains were buried in the township that was his adopted home. His children were: Henry, Fred, Christopher, Sophia, Barbara, Nancy and John.

John Saxman, father of John A. Saxman, was born in Wayne township, and was a farmer until his death, which occurred at Day-

ton in 1894. He bought the old Funk farm of 106 acres in Wayne township, now owned by his son John A., on which he put up a fine residence. On Nov. 17, 1868, he married Catherine Kline, daughter of George Kline, and they had the following children: John A.; Henry H., who died young; Lizzie E., who died young; James G., who died young; Ida M., wife of J. P. Silvis, of Clarion county, Pa.; and Charles A., born May 25, 1883, living at Sagamore, this county. John Saxman is buried at Echo.

John A. Saxman attended the local school, and helped his father on the farm, remaining with him until twenty-four years old. In 1895 he opened a lime quarry on his farm and still burns lime, selling it in his own district. This is one of the largest lime quarries in this section, and its product is recognized as being second to none. In addition he is an engineer in the Dayton Coal Company's mines. In every respect he is a thorough-going, reliable man, well and favorably known all over the county.

On March 30, 1893, Mr. Saxman married Laura B. Ralston, daughter of Albert and Julia (McCandless) Ralston, of Butler county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Saxman have children as follows: Mary P., Dorothy M., a daughter that died in infancy, James A., Charles F. and Catherine. A stanch Republican, Mr. Saxman has served several times as judge of election. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, Dayton Camp. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Church.

ROBERT W. McCUTCHEON, ticket, freight and express agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Ford City, Armstrong county, was born March 28, 1858, in Westmoreland county, Pa., son of James and Elizabeth (Wylie) McCutcheon.

James McCutcheon was born, reared and educated in Westmoreland county, where he devoted himself to farming all his life. His death occurred in 1901, his wife passing away about 1871. They had five children: Andrew H.; Robert W.; Isabella, who died young; Alice, who married H. G. Steel; and John Newton, who was drowned in the Allegheny river in 1876.

Robert W. McCutcheon was educated in the public schools of Westmoreland county, and even in boyhood began earning his living by assisting his father on the farm. When fifteen years old he was apprenticed to learn telegraphy, and after becoming proficient served as telegraph operator for two years. Following this he was made agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Kelly Station, Armstrong county, remaining there for six years, when he was transferred to Rosston. There he served in the same capacity for two years, when he was put in charge at Ford City, in 1888. At that time Ford City was but a hamlet, and the new agent was one of its first settlers, but the railroad company knew that it was bound to grow, and desired to have a man whom they could trust in charge of their interests at what has since become so important a traffic junction. Having spent his life in railroad work, Mr. McCutcheon understands its duties thoroughly, and he is one of the most trusted and valuable men in his line with the Pennsylvania Company. He has a good staff of assistants, whose work he carefully supervises, and the affairs of Ford City station are in excellent condition.

In 1881 Mr. McCutcheon married Bertha Kelly, daughter of Hamilton Kelly, of Kelly Station, Pa. Five children have been born of this marriage: Claud H., Jessie T., Robert W., Jr., Paul K. and Dorothy E. Mr. McCutcheon belongs to Kittanning Blue Lodge, No. 244, F. & A. M., Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M., also of Kittanning, and Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, K. T. For many years he has been prominently identified with the Presbyterian Church, and for several years has been elder of the Ford City church of that denomination.

THOMPSON C. KERR, a veteran of the Civil war, now residing at Apollo, was born April 24, 1843, at the old home place where his father was also born, and where he died, a farm in Armstrong county, Pa.

The paternal grandfather came from the North of Ireland to America at an early day, and after spending a short time in Philadelphia located in Armstrong county, where he bought 500 acres of land. The maternal grandmother came from Scotland.

Mr. Kerr's father inherited 172 acres of his father's property, on which he resided until his death. During his earlier days the father was a blacksmith, but devoted all of his time to farming later on in life. Politically he was a Democrat, the only one of his family to vote that ticket. His wife died firm in the Baptist faith, in 1881. She bore her husband ten children, all now dead but Thompson C.

Thompson C. Kerr attended public school until he was sixteen years old, and resided with his father until his enlistment in Com-

pany E, 139th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he served two years and ten months, receiving his honorable discharge June 27, 1865. Being a musician in the ranks, he did not participate actively in many of the engagements of his regiment. This company was recruited by Rev. I. A. Pierce, but lacking a sufficient quota was consolidated with another company, and mustered into the 139th Regiment, which was placed in the 3d Brigade, 3d Division, 6th Army Corps.

Returning to Armstrong county, Mr. Kerr became a laborer in the oil fields. On June 30, 1872, he married in this county, Mary Elizabeth Coulter, a daughter of Alexander Coulter. Mrs. Kerr's paternal grandfather came from the North of Scotland. Eight children were born of this marriage, all of whom survive except one: Blanche A., Edsil A., Everett T., Roy C., Glenn M., Leah Ruth (died Aug. 4, 1890), Frank O., and Edna Irene. Mr. Kerr belongs to the G. A. R. He and his wife early joined the Lutheran Church, in the faith of which she died Aug. 25, 1911, having been a true Christian woman all her useful life. Politically Mr. Kerr is a Democrat.

SAMUEL J. McELWAIN, a farmer of Cowanshannock township, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born on his present farm Dec. 11, 1867, son of John Rankin and Martha Jane (McElwain) McElwain.

John McElwain, his grandfather, was born in County Donegal, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1832, settling in Armstrong county, Pa., where he bought 300 acres of land which he cleared and improved. There he made his home until death claimed him, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. He married a Miss Rankin, and they had the following children who grew to maturity: Andrew; Belle, who married William Cook; Margaret, who married Samuel McCorkle; and John R.

John Rankin McElwain was born in Ireland. He succeeded to the homestead, where he spent the greater part of his life, dying upon that property when seventy-seven years old. His first marriage was to a Miss White, and they had two children, Margaret and John, both of whom are deceased. His second wife was a daughter of James and Esther (Otterman) McElwain, natives of County Donegal, Ireland, and Germany, respectively. Mrs. McElwain was born after her parents had come to Armstrong county. There were three children by the second marriage of John R. McElwain: Joseph E., who is deceased; Samuel J.; and Jennie, who is the wife of William A. Walker.

Samuel J. McElwain was reared to maturity on the homestead where he has always lived, and his educational training was secured in the district schools. He has made farming his life work and his success proves that he was wise in so doing. His property is a valuable one, and he takes pride in keeping it in excellent condition.

On Nov. 22, 1898, Samuel J. McElwain married Tillie Beck, a daughter of Simon and Margaret (Kline) Beck, of Wayne township. Mr. McElwain is a member of Kittanning Lodge, No. 244, F. & A. M., and the B. P. O. Elks at the same borough. Politically, he is a Republican, but his tastes have not led him into public life.

JAMES G. AMBROSE, contractor and builder of Rural Valley, Armstrong county, is a young business man who has shown ambition and enterprise which should insure him a prosperous career. He was born Feb. 14, 1880, in Cowanshannock township, near Rural Valley, son of Joseph R. Ambrose, and grandson of Mathew Ambrose. The latter was an early settler in what is now East Franklin township, Armstrong county, and was killed when a young man. His widow moved out to Illinois, where she passed the remainder of her life. Their children were John, Frank and Joseph R.

Joseph R. Ambrose, son of Mathew, was born in East Franklin township, and there followed farming for some years. Removing to Cowanshannock township in 1874, he settled one mile west of Rural Valley, and farmed there until ten years before his death. He then made his home in the town of Rural Valley, where he died Jan. 16, 1910, at the age of seventy years. He is buried at that place. Mr. Ambrose married Margaret A. Dougherty, daughter of Robert Dougherty, who was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: Thomas H.; Benjamin F.; Samuel E.; Grant W.; Margaret J., who died Nov. 15, 1907; Laura K., married to G. L. Stewart, D. D. S., of Rural Valley; and James G. The mother of this family died Dec. 5, 1897, and was buried at the West Glade Run Church in East Franklin township.

James G. Ambrose attended the public schools of the home locality in his youth and then learned the carpenter's trade. He has followed that work continuously, and has supplemented his practical experience by taking a

course in the International Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pa., which he found materially helpful. Besides jobbing work he has erected several residences, including the Presbyterian parsonage at Rural Valley, and his most important recent contract was for the new public school building in that borough, which he commenced in May, 1911, finishing it in October of that year. It is an up-to-date structure, equipped with the most approved modern appliances, and is a distinctive improvement to Rural Valley. He built his own fine residence in the fall of 1908.

On March 11, 1903, Mr. Ambrose married Ethyl J. Huber, daughter of Dr. C. H. Huber, of Rural Valley, and they have had a family of three children: Blaine E., who died in infancy; Joseph Raymond; and Charles Huber.

Mr. Ambrose is a Republican and has taken considerable interest in the success of the party in his section, serving as district committeeman. In religion he is a Presbyterian and at present is one of the trustees of his church. He is one of the most respected young citizens of his community.

WILLIAM I. BARR was born and reared upon the farm in West Franklin township, Armstrong county, where he now resides, and is a member of one of the old families of this section of Pennsylvania.

James Barr, his great-grandfather, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1749, of Scotch-Irish parentage. Prior to 1773 he settled in Westmoreland county, Pa., and he began to aid the cause of the Colonists at the opening of the Revolutionary struggle, in the organization of what was then called the Associated Battalions or bodies of Associators raised not only for the defense of the frontier but also to protect the whole state and assist the country. He was a member of the constitutional convention held in the State in 1776 which framed the first constitution of the State of Pennsylvania. From 1787 to 1790 he was a member of the General Assembly of the State. In 1790 he was appointed associate judge of Westmoreland county. He was one of the first settlers of Appleby Manor, in Manor township, in 1791, and later moved to West Franklin township, where he died in 1820 at the age of seventy-one. He married Mary Wallace, and their children were: Jean, who married John McDonald; James, Jr., who married Nancy Stephenson; Peggy, Mrs. Chambers; William, who married Peggy Kerr; Thomas, who married Mary McDowell; David, who married Betsey Titus; Betsey, who married James Hill; Ibbie; Mrs. Vonosdill; and Mary.

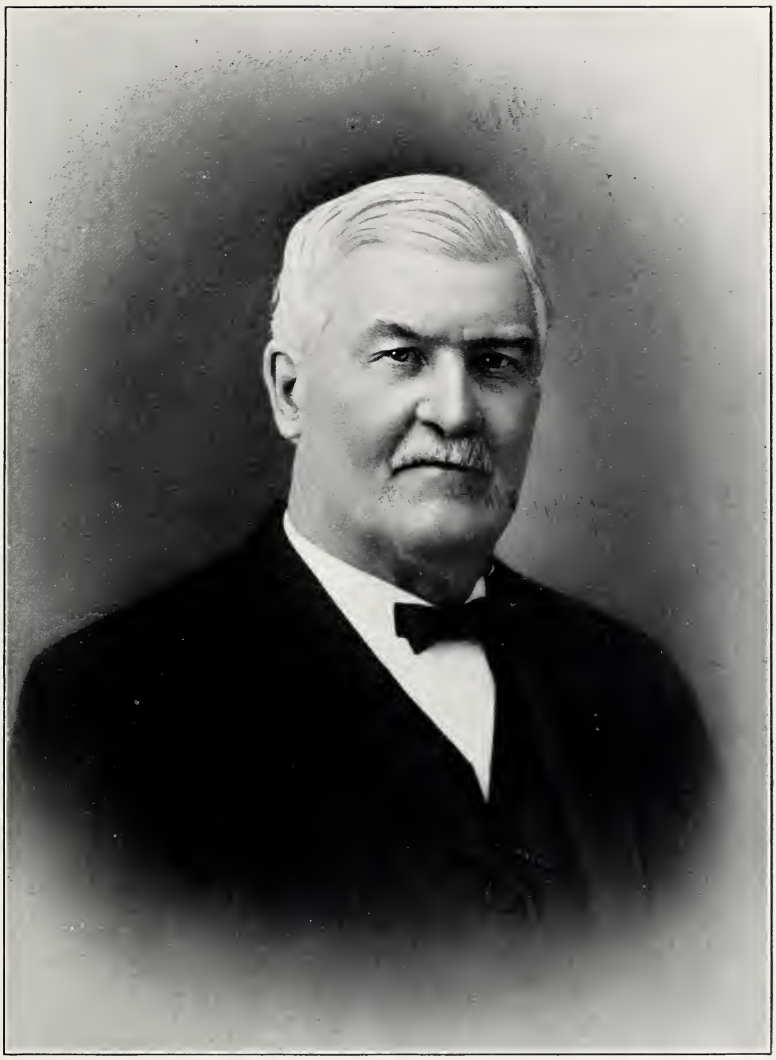
James Barr, Jr., son of James and Mary (Wallace) Barr, was assessed as a schoolmaster in Buffalo township in 1806-07. He laid out the town of Worthington in 1829, and died Aug. 15, 1832, at the age of fifty-one years, as the result of an accident. To him and his wife Nancy (Stephenson) were born six children: James; Nancy, who married James B. McKee; David; Margaret, who married Samuel Scott; Jane, and Johanna.

David Barr, son of James, Jr., was born Sept. 20, 1825, in West Franklin township, and learned the trade of millwright, which he followed off and on until 1890. He was also interested in farming, and in 1864 purchased the farm of 128 acres now owned and occupied by his son William I. Barr. There he resided until his death, which occurred Oct. 21, 1893. His wife, Eleanor M. Clark, was a daughter of Robert and Sally (Wykoff) Clark, pioneers of Crawford county, and they had three children, two of whom grew to maturity, Robert C. and William I., the former now a resident of Texas.

William I. Barr was born May 25, 1864, in the house where he now makes his home. He was educated in the common schools of the locality and learned the trade of stationary engineer. However, he has been principally engaged in farming, and he has proved himself one of the progressive agriculturists of his section, having conducted his farm successfully along modern lines.

On July 20, 1893, Mr. Barr married Annetta L. Armstrong, daughter of John and Jane (Hindman) Armstrong, of East Franklin township, and to them have been born six children: Nellie J., John D., Joanna M., James I., Frank H. and Gladys M. Mr. and Mrs. Barr are members of the Presbyterian Church of Worthington. Politically he is a Republican.

CAPT. ANDREW IVORY, Sr., was born at Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa., May 31, 1825. His parents were Francis Joseph Ivory and Mary (Parsons) Ivory. He was named for his grandfather, who was a silk weaver in the city of Dublin. His father came to this country in 1812 and followed his trade as a jeweler and watchmaker in and about Pittsburgh until his death, in 1854. His mother, who was of English and French descent, was born near Chambersburg, Pa., and lived until 1862. Their family comprised four daughters and one son, the subject of this sketch. Most of Andrew's life, until he



Andrew Ivory

reached his majority, was spent in Pittsburgh. He worked for men in business and in shops, and all of his earnings were needed to assist in supporting the family. In 1846 he concluded to choose the life of a farmer, and made his purpose known to Caleb Lee, who was the owner of 1,100 acres of land known as the "White Oak Levels," lying near Hulton and Oakmont, in Allegheny county. He was employed, and later became a tenant of Mr. Lee on one of his best farms. He cleared forty acres of heavily timbered land and fenced and cultivated it. In July, 1848, he married Catherine (Schroeder) Rigby, and thus formed a union which continued for more than fifty-six years. Mrs. Ivory's father, John Henry Schroeder, came from the city of Amsterdam, Holland, to this country, and was a son of the well-known historical family of that name. Her mother was born in York county, Pa. In the spring of 1857 he purchased a farm near White Rock station, in Armstrong county, and removed to that place, known as the "Forks" section of this county. He was a very strong, active, energetic man, at his work early and late, and soon made his labor count in the appearance of the farm and its products and made many friends. One incident of his thrift may be noted: During the year of the blighting frost, which killed the wheat throughout this county, his crop was so advanced as to not be injured, and he garnered over 225 bushels in his harvest that year. Instead of speculating on his neighbors' misfortune, nearly all of his wheat crop was loaned out to them for seed, and returned the next year bushel for bushel.

In politics he was a Whig and Republican, and a strong supporter of the candidacy and administration of President Lincoln. He was a pronounced and radical Unionist. When the war of the Rebellion broke out his family consisted of wife and six children, the youngest an infant and the eldest less than thirteen years. His loyalty and duty to country and his affection and duty to family caused him great anxiety, and he was sorely tried, for it seemed almost cruel to leave his helpless little family. The country's call and patriotism prevailed, and committing all to God's care, one September morning in 1861, he left the loved ones and hastened to join the Army of the Potomac, enlisting in Capt. S. M. Jackson's company, "G," 11th P. R. V. C., then at Camp Pierpont, on the Potomac. The history of that regiment is his history for many months subsequent. In the "On to Richmond" movement those brave boys realized all that war means. At the seven days' fight his regiment was captured, and he with others suffered the horrors of Libby and Belle Isle. He often referred to this time as "While I was boarding with Jeff Davis." His family did not know whether he was living or dead. At this period, in July, 1862, his mother died, while he was a prisoner. He was finally exchanged, and again in active service at the battles of Antietam and South Mountain, where he was slightly injured and almost lost his life. Here he was elected from the ranks to be second lieutenant of the company, and owing to the disability of the captain and first lieutenant he acted as—and was always so called thereafter—captain, until the battle of Fredericksburg, where he was severely wounded in the right leg while at the head of Company G, charging the enemy; he was so disabled that in June of the following year he was honorably discharged after being promoted to and receiving a commission as first lieutenant of his company. His commissions were issued to him by Pennsylvania's great war governor, Andrew G. Curtin, who knew him personally.

At the time he was wounded Captain Ivory realized that the charge on the enemy's works would not succeed. He had led forty-six men of Company G into the battle and only seven remained, the others either killed or wounded. At the time he enlisted, George Jack, son of Andrew Jack, who was a near neighbor, went with him and entered the same company, and they were messmates. By reason of being at the time in the hospital George had not been captured in the seven days' battle. Both were wounded at the same time, while crossing a railroad at Fredericksburg, and had fallen in the ditch below the level of the tracks and lay side by side. The Captain spoke to George, who was moaning greatly with pain, and asked him where he was wounded: George, pointing to his left leg, said his knee was shattered; the Captain then told him that they must get back out of that place, as there were no supports coming up and they were bound to be captured, and that he had all of "Jeff Davis'" boarding that he wanted; George said he could not go and on being urged that it was the only hope of safety said he was not able to do so. Soon afterward he was captured, his leg amputated and he was taken to Richmond, where he died nine days later.

Maj. John Hill, of the same regiment, was also wounded at the same time in the arm,

and was nearby, and seeing the Captain crawling back went to him and said, "Captain, if you must go back I'll help you all I can," and took hold of his arm, saying, "I have one good arm left." They went a few paces only when a minie ball passed through his head, and with a moan of "Oh my!" he sank to the ground dead. But the Captain was determined not to be captured again, and though suffering intense pain and weak through loss of blood, he persisted until he had crawled back nearly a mile, and by this brave action and foresight no doubt saved his life. He was taken to Washington (D. C.) hospital, where he had the good fortune to be attended by a surgeon of superior ability, who was able to save his limb from amputation. Here he had the pleasure of frequently seeing and shaking the hand of the famous and loved President Abraham Lincoln.

There was great joy over the home coming. In 1864 he sold the farm and in 1865 purchased another near Slate Lick, in this county, where he lived until 1884. He then retired from the farm and lived in Kittanning. In 1889 he moved to Clarion, Pa., and in 1893 moved to Oakmont, where he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding, July 27, 1898, and she lived until Jan. 1, 1903. When Mrs. Ivory's death broke up their happy home, he soon after returned to Kittanning, where he lived with his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Keener, until his death, May 9, 1908. He was buried beside his wife in the cemetery at Oakmont, in sight of the farm where they began their long happy married life together. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he was a ruling elder for several years. He was a member of the G. A. R.

It may be truthfully recorded of Capt. Andrew Ivory that he was loyal to family, to friends, to country and to God, and was ever ready and willing to serve these to the best of his knowledge and ability. His honesty and integrity of character were as genuine as it is possible to find in humanity, and their children and those who knew them revere and honor their memory and rejoice in the unceasing influence of their lives. The following named children survive these parents: Alfred L. Ivory, Esq., of Kittanning, Pa., who married Harriett E. Morrison, daughter of William B. Morrison, of Slate Lick, Armstrong Co., Pa.; Mary Ann, intermarried with Jacob Frantz Keener, of Kittanning, Pa., who was born and raised near Slate Lick, Pa.; Andrew E. Ivory, who married Mary E. Larkins, since deceased, and who again married, his present wife being Georgia E. Steele, who was born and raised near Monterey; Francis Joseph Ivory, who married Dora E. Hodges; Robert B. Ivory, Esq., who was married to Mary E. Galbreath, of Winfield township, Butler county, and who died in October, 1913 (the three brothers last named are residents of Pittsburgh, Pa.); and Ella Jane, intermarried with Alfred C. Gray, of Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Ivory, who had been previously married, brought her little daughter, Amelia Savilla Rigby, with her into the home, and she too became one of Captain Ivory's family. Before the war she was married to J. Wade McLaughlin, of Unity Station, Allegheny Co., Pa., where she still resides. These children above named have been and are recognized and respected as among the best citizens and useful members of society in the respective places where they reside. They are a long-lived, industrious and honorable race of people, lovers of home, worshipers of God, and loyal and true to the duties of life and their native land.

GEORGE W. FLEMING, a resident of Madison township, Armstrong county, where he is engaged in farming and operates a coal bank, owns part of the family homestead upon which his father settled upon his removal into this region. Mr. Fleming was born Aug. 26, 1865, in Oil Creek township, Venango Co., Pa., whence his parents came to Madison township, Armstrong county, when he was three years old. His grandfather, Samuel Fleming, lived in that county, where he was an early settler, cleared land and engaged in farming. His family of six children was reared in that county, and he is buried there.

Hamilton Fleming, father of George W. Fleming, received a good education for his day in Venango county, and after his marriage lived there as a farmer for some years, in Oil Creek township. He had a tract of about one hundred acres. Removing from there to Armstrong county, he became the owner of a 160-acre farm in Madison township, most of which was cleared he and his sons continuing the work of preparing the land for cultivation.

He not only improved his own property, but also took an active interest in the development of the neighborhood and local government, serving once as school director. He died on his farm at the age of eighty-one years, and is buried in the Tidal cemetery. He was a lifelong member of the Baptist Church and a Democrat in politics. In Venango county he married Rosanna Holmes, a native of Oil

Creek township, daughter of Samuel Holmes, of that county, and she preceded him to the grave, dying at the age of seventy-one years. She, too, is buried in the Tidal cemetery. They had the following children: Emma, who is married to Samuel Early, of Reynoldsville, Pa.; L. H., a resident of Venango county, Pa.; Alice, wife of John Dillon, of Oswego, N. Y.; Charles, who married Agnes Wyley and makes his home at Kittanning; George W.; Grace, wife of O. H. Morgan, of McKeesport, Pa.; Blanch Bell, born in Madison township, Armstrong county, now the wife of S. J. White, of Goheenville, this county; Edith, born in Madison township, now deceased; and Pearl, born in Madison township, wife of Nick McGorty, of Chickasaw, Armstrong Co., Pa.

George W. Fleming was reared on the home farm in Madison township, and received a good common school education, attending at Rimer. After he began to support himself he returned to Venango county, where he was employed at dressing tools and drilling oil wells, remaining three years. He came back because of the illness of his father, and has since resided on the home place, which was divided among the three sons after the father's death, the portion of George W. Fleming comprising forty-two acres, the part on which the dwellings and other buildings were located. This property is a mile northwest of Rimerton. It contains about two acres of timber-land. Mr. Fleming carries on general farming and also operates a coal bank, and by industry and systematic attention to detail he is making his work profitable. He is a substantial and respected citizen, and has won high standing among his neighbors by upright living and fair dealing. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men at Tidal, holds membership in the M. E. Church, and is a Democrat on political questions. He has never held any public office.

On March, 1, 1888, Mr. Fleming married Eva Seybert, who was born at Seyberts Landing, Armstrong county, daughter of the late Reuben Seybert, of Brady's Bend township. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming have had two children, both of whom are deceased.

DAVID A. ZIMMERMAN belongs to the third generation of his family in Boggs township, Armstrong county, where he was born Aug. 9, 1849, on the old homestead. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Zimmerman, came hither from east of the mountains, and acquired a large tract upon which they settled, though it was then all in the woods. Mr. Zimmerman built a log cabin and entered upon the customary life of the pioneer, living and dying in this place.

John Zimmerman, son of Abraham, was born in Boggs township, and lived and died there. He became a farmer, cultivating a tract of 100 acres. He was quite prominent in his day, serving as justice of the peace and in various other local offices, associated with the Republican party in politics and was a member of the U. P. Church. He married Sarah Bowser, who is also deceased, and they had the following children: Rosanna, David A., Jerry, Jane, Peter, Malissa, John and Samuel.

David A. Zimmerman grew to manhood in Boggs township. When he left home to begin life on his own account he engaged in teaming, being employed for five years by Thomas Barnes, of Parker, this county, at the end of that time settling in Boggs township, where he has since continued to reside. He came to his present place over twenty-six years ago, and has been successfully engaged in general farming. He is a most esteemed resident of his vicinity, and a creditable member of a family which has long been noted for thrift and high character. In politics he united with the Republican party.

On Oct. 5, 1880, Mr. Zimmerman married Margaret Bartley, daughter of Joseph and Margaret Bartley, and they have had seven children: Alice Malissa married Bartin Aikens and died leaving no children; Anna, twin of Alice, married Ide Fox and has four children, Gertrude, Howard, Wilmer and Margaret; Elizabeth, Mrs. Heilman, has two children, Harold and Edna; Della died when eight years old; Ida is unmarried; Arthur and Mark are at home.

JOSEPH SOMERVILLE, a retired farmer living on a tract of forty-five acres situated two miles southeast of Kaylor, Pa., in Brady's Bend township, Armstrong county, was born on that farm June 30, 1847, son of James Somerville and a grandson of James Somerville.

James Somerville, the grandfather, was born in County Down, Ireland, not far from Belfast, and was nineteen years of age when he came to the United States and settled near Worthington, Pa., where he claimed 400 acres. In the meanwhile he became lonely and went to Westmoreland county to marry Sarah Scott. While he was absent from his land another prospector came along and quietly settled on 200 acres of the tract, and thus James Somerville found but 200 unoccupied acres awaiting

him when he returned. This he improved and lived on until he was fifty years old. He died when aged about ninety years, and was buried in the Presbyterian Church cemetery in Franklin township, of which church he was a member.

James Somerville, son of James, was born in Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Pa., Oct. 4, 1804. He learned the making of hats, but later on decided to become a millwright and worked as such for a number of years, and then settled down as a farmer on the present home farm in Brady's Bend township, which, before it was divided, contained 200 acres. His death occurred when he was aged fifty-seven years, seven months, twenty-five days, and he was buried in the cemetery of the Reformed Church in Sugar Creek township. In 1839 he was married to Tina Milliron, daughter of Jacob Milliron, who owned 400 acres of land, a store and a distillery. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Somerville: Sarah, who is unmarried; William, deceased; James, deceased; Mary, a widow; Joseph, and John.

Joseph Somerville received his schooling in Brady's Bend township and then learned the carpenter's trade and worked in the oil fields in Butler, Clarion and Venango counties. Since then he has continued to live on his present farm, which he has owned since he was twenty-one years of age, the land being divided after the death of the father, May 29, 1862. Oil has never been developed on this place. With the exception of fifteen acres in timber and pasture it is all under cultivation. In politics Mr. Somerville is a Democrat. He is a member of the Associate Presbyterian Church.

JACKSON THOMAS, of Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, was born Feb. 29, 1844, son of Garrett and Sophia (Harkelroad) Thomas, the former of whom was of English extraction and the latter of German origin. His grandfather was John Thomas, and his grandmother's maiden name was Mackin. Christopher Harkelroad, the maternal grandfather, died Oct. 11, 1848, aged fifty-nine years, two months; his wife, Mary, born in June, 1792, died Nov. 10, 1879, aged eighty-six years, five months.

To Garrett and Sophia (Harkelroad) Thomas were born six children, namely: John, who died in infancy; Mary Jane, who married Finny Templeton, a farmer of Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county; Margaret, who died in infancy; William, a farmer of Plum Creek township, who was twice married, his wives being sisters, named Parker; Jackson; and Rebecca, deceased.

Jackson Thomas passed his early life on the old homestead in Plum Creek township and received his education at Squiversburg. He is now engaged in farming in Plum Creek township, where he has passed all his life.

On Jan. 4, 1871, Mr. Thomas married Rebecca Jewart, daughter of William and Marjorie (Patterson) Jewart, of Armstrong county, who had five children. Twelve children, six sons and six daughters, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, one son and one daughter dying in infancy; William, a farmer of Plum Creek township, married Carrie Nelson, and has two daughters, Mary Edna and Marjorie; Anna married Harvey Calhoun, a merchant of Gastown, Armstrong county, and has two daughters, Virginia R. and Marguerite S.; Harvey married Gertrude Venatti and has two sons, Harry Jackson and Wilbert Dale; Albert, a farmer at Cochran Mills, Armstrong county, married Ida Woodside, and they have two sons, Charles Edgar and George Jackson; Margaret married Morris Timblin, a farmer in Plum Creek township, and they have three daughters, R. Fries, Thyra Luella and Vera Laru; Maud is the wife of Silas Miller, a farmer of Plum Creek township, and has three children, Kenneth, Rebecca and an infant son; Marjorie married Lee Miller, also of Plum Creek township, and has three children, Mary Helen, Jacob Edgar and Lucila May; Mellon, a farmer of Plum Creek township, married Blanche Miller and has three children, Mildred Gale, Lawrence Miller and Vernon Clare; Emma lives at home; James Jackson, born in March, 1895, on the old family homestead in Plum Creek township, lives there with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and their family attend the Reformed Church.

Mrs. Thomas's parents were of Irish and German descent, respectively. Her mother was a native of Cowanshannock township.

FREDERICK W. MEYERS, farmer and merchant, residing at Idaho, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born Oct. 19, 1862, at Sodom, Allegheny Co., Pa., son of Frederick and Ernestina (Hartman) Meyers.

Frederick Meyers and his wife were born in Germany, and they came to America on a slow-going old sailing vessel which consumed six weeks in making a voyage that the rapid steamers of the present day accomplish in one. Locating near Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Meyers engaged in farming and gardening until his

death, which occurred Jan. 9, 1871. His wife survived him but little over a year, dying in October, 1872. Four children were thus made orphans; Frederick W. was the youngest of the family.

After his sixteenth year Frederick W. Meyers never attended school. After working six or seven years as clerk in a grocery store at Pittsburgh he went into the grocery business, with which he was connected for thirteen years. A period of business depression then came upon the country and he lost all, but started again after paying his bills. In 1896 he embarked in a grocery business at Pittsburgh which he continued for five years. In 1901 he purchased a farm of 130 acres in the village of Idaho, and has made his home on that property. In 1911 he opened up a mercantile business in the village, which enterprise is proving successful.

On Oct. 19, 1886, at Pittsburgh, Mr. Meyers was married to Margaret E. Finch, daughter of the late M. L. Finch, who prior to his death in 1870 was a distiller at Pittsburgh. During the Civil war Mr. Finch served three years in the Union army as a member of Company B, 28th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. The mother of Mrs. Meyers died in 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers have had four children, the two survivors being: Ray A., born Dec. 25, 1892; and L. C., born June 28, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers are members of the Presbyterian Church. He has always been an interested and liberal-minded citizen, and independent as regards his political support.

JOSHUA MYERS, proprietor of the meat market at Putneyville, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born at Old Pike Furance, Clarion county, Nov. 21, 1862.

John Myers, his grandfather, died in Clarion county. He married a Miss Richey, and among their children was a son, Jacob R.

Jacob R. Myers was a native of eastern Pennsylvania, and came to Clarion county prior to the Civil war. They settled in 1854 at Buffalo Furnace, Armstrong county, where he engaged in the manufacture of charcoal, and later of coke, continuing in that business in this and Clarion counties for several years. From that industry he went to work at mining and later in 1879 located permanently in Wayne township, where he followed farming and died. He married Martha Blake, daughter of James Blake, of eastern Pennsylvania, and their children who grew to maturity were: Henry; John; Joshua; William; Emeline, who married S. J. Keener; Sadie, who married S. J. Keener; Charles; Martha, who married Charles Hinkley; and Jacob B. By a former marriage Mr. Myers had two sons, James and Samuel.

Joshua Myers received his education in the common schools in Armstrong county, where he was brought up. At the age of fourteen he worked at the mines, and followed that vocation off and on for twenty years. He then worked at the carpenter's trade for ten years, and in 1910 embarked in the butcher business at Putneyville, in which he still continues. He is honest, conscientious and obliging, and does a good business.

On Jan. 29, 1889, Mr. Myers married Ellen, daughter of Samuel and Salome (Reitz) Nolf, of Westmoreland county, and they are the parents of seven children, as follows: Edgar H.; Hazel; Mabel; Arthur; Iva; Wilda, and Mildred. Mr. Myers is a follower of the Republican party. He owns a good home, and is a very desirable citizen of his community.

RAPHAEL STEARNS SMULLIN, fire insurance agent, of Putneyville, was born in Mahoning township, Armstrong county, March 1, 1847, son of Absalom and Mary Ellen (Putney) Smullin.

William Smullin, the first settler in America of this branch of the family, was a native of the North of Ireland, and became a pioneer of what is now Mahoning township, where he owned a farm of 400 acres. Here he worked and improved his land until it became a fine homestead, and it is now owned by Craig Snyder. His wife was Catherine McNutt, and their children were: Absalom, Margaret (married James T. Putney), Jane, Catherine, Monroe, Charlotte, William and Fletcher.

Absalom Smullin, son of William, was reared on the old homestead and soon after attaining his majority purchased forty acres of land from his father, and forty-five acres from W. R. Hamilton, which he cleared and farmed until he reached the age of about forty. Then he embarked in the mercantile business at Putneyville, as a member of the firm of G. S. Putney & Co., with which he was connected for nearly a quarter of a century, when he retired from active business life.

Mr. Smullin married Mary Ellen Putney, daughter of David Putney (a native of Connecticut, and the founder of Putneyville, where he settled in 1833) and his wife Lavina Stevenson. Mrs. Smullin and three of their children died of typhoid fever in 1885, and Mr. Smullin broke up housekeeping soon after and went to Marionville, Forest Co., Pa., where he

worked as clerk in the store of his son-in-law for a short time. Then he removed to Tennessee, where he died at the age of eighty-four years. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smullin: Adolphus M.; S. Florella; Annetta, deceased wife of William W. Wann; Emory B., deceased; Kitty Belle, who married Charles Leech; Mary Olive, deceased; Lillie May, who married Burley Ladell; William Putney; Novella, deceased, and Raphael S.

Raphael S. Smullin was brought up in Mahoning township, this county, and received his higher education in Dayton Academy and Allegheny College. He commenced his business career in the oil field of Venango county, Pa., and in the Parker oil district, where he spent three years, and he spent the next few years engaged in the fire insurance business at Putneyville. This he followed until 1880, when he removed to Council Bluffs, Iowa, and engaged in the same business for three years. He was then appointed captain of the police there and held that position for four years. At this time he went to Lincoln, Neb., where he remained fifteen years, six of which were spent in the insurance business, and the remaining nine years he engaged in the grocery business. His health failing, he sold out his grocery and came East, locating at Ravenna, Ohio, where he had charge of a gang of men in the handle department of the sadiron works one year. His wife's death occurred there and in 1903 he returned to Putneyville, where he has since been the representative of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company.

In 1877 Mr. Smullin married Jennie A. Warren, daughter of Benajah Warren, of Georgeville, Indiana Co., Pa. They had one son, Claude C., a painter of Joliet, Ill. Mr. Smullin is a member of the Woodman of the World, Camp No. 625, of Lincoln, Neb. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

JAMES HEIGLEY, one of the old and trusted engineers on the Pennsylvania railroad, was born in Armstrong county in 1850, son of Emanuel and Mary (Kelly) Heigley.

Emanuel Heigley was born in Germany, but came to the United States when a boy, later marrying and locating in Armstrong county. He and his wife became the parents of six children: John, James, Ephraim, Ross, William and Sallie, all deceased except James and Sallie; the latter married Benjamin Riter, passenger conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad.

James Heigley attended the public schools of Armstrong county, and when twenty years old became a brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad, being assigned to freight service. In 1880 he became an engineer, having passed through the position of freight conductor, which he held three years. At first Mr. Heigley was given charge of a freight engine, but was subsequently made passenger engineer, and has held that position for the last twenty-two years, being now one of the oldest and most reliable men in the service. He belongs to the Brotherhood of Engineers, No. 472, of Pittsburgh. He is also a member of Blue Lodge, No. 244, F. & A. M.; Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M.; and Oil City Commandery, No. 43, K. T. The Presbyterian Church has in him a faithful member.

In 1874 Mr. Heigley was married to Levina Schaffer, daughter of Fred Schaffer, of Armstrong county, and three children were born of that marriage: Robert, Calvin (deceased), and James. Robert was educated in the public schools of Kittanning, and is now engineer of a passenger train on the Pennsylvania line. James, also educated in the Kittanning schools, is an engineer in the employ of the same company as his father and brother. Mrs. Heigley died in 1880. In 1882 Mr. Heigley was married (second) to Jane Stroup, daughter of Daniel and Harriet Stroup, of Venango county, Pa., and six children have been born to them: Omar, also a graduate of the Kittanning schools, now an engineer on the Pennsylvania line; as is Hugh, who is on a freight engine; Manual, an electrical engineer at Ford City; Ruth, who died at the age of three years; Fred, a student at the Kittanning schools; and Alonzo.

The history of the Heigley family is a remarkable one, as all the sons old enough have followed in their father's footsteps. These faithful men have all escaped serious accidents because of their sober habits and cool judgment. Few travelers appreciate how much depends upon the engineer, but one who did was the late Benjamin Harrison, ex-president of the United States. One of the practices of his life was to seek out the engineer at the end of each journey, shake hands with him, and present him the flowers in his buttonhole as a mark of appreciation of the faithful service just terminated.

GEORGE McCREADY, late of Templeton, Armstrong county, was an old resident of that part of the county, having lived there for about sixty years. He was born near Pittsburgh, Pa., and was left an orphan at an early age, his family knowing nothing of his ancestors. In his younger days he lived with a

Mr. McKee at McKee's Rocks, Pa., and when twelve years old came to Armstrong county with Peter Paul, settling in Pine township, where he grew up on a farm. He had but limited opportunities for schooling. For about a year after his marriage he continued to farm, with John Paul, in 1856 going to Ore Hill and later to Templeton, where he built a home. He was employed mainly at the ore mines, also doing considerable work on the river, and was an industrious and respected man, all who knew him having the highest regard for his character and appreciating his sterling qualities. He continued to live at Templeton until his death, which occurred Sept. 30, 1903, when he was seventy-five years old.

On Sept. 18, 1856, Mr. McCready married Susan E. DeVore, of Indiana county, Pa., daughter of Moses K. and Martha (Armstrong) DeVore, of that county, who died when Mrs. McCready was a little girl; he was a cooper by trade. Mr. and Mrs. DeVore had two children, Jane and Susan E. (Mrs. McCready). Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCready, all of whom were educated in public school, viz.: John (deceased) married Margaret Dignon, and lived in Pittsburgh; they had three children, Kirk (who is employed in the post office in Pittsburgh), Mary (a stenographer in Pittsburgh), and Emma (a dressmaker in Pittsburgh). Willington died unmarried. Emma is the widow of Washington Brice, of Ford City, Pa., and has one child, Claire. Temperance married Joseph Tyler, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and had one child who is deceased. Mary Estella is living in Pittsburgh. Willow married H. G. Barrett, of Ford City, Pa. Nettie married Robert Merrells, of Ford City, W. McCready, of Pittsburgh, has been a member of the police force for twelve years, belonging to No. 1 squad, the company which has for three years in succession won the drill prize—a large silver cup on which their names are engraved.

Mrs. McCready is a member of the M. E. Church. She has made her home at the old place in Templeton since her husband's death, and is one of the most highly respected residents of that village.

WILLIAM JAMES BENJAMIN SCHRECENGOST, general merchant of Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, was born in that township Jan. 28, 1855, son of Benjamin O. and Sarah A. (Nevill) Schrecengost.

Martin Schrecengost, a pioneer of Cowanshannock township, cleared and improved a farm of 140 acres on which he resided until his death. His children who grew to maturity were: Elias, Christopher O., Benjamin O., Jacob Lias, William Kirkpatrick and Martin Lenhart.

Benjamin O. Schrecengost, son of Martin and father of William James Benjamin, was born in Cowanshannock township, and became a farmer. He lost his life while still in his prime by an accident, a falling tree striking him. Six children were born to him and his wife, two of whom grew to maturity: Hannah, who married John Umbaugh, and William James Benjamin.

William James Benjamin Schrecengost was reared in his native township, where he attended the public schools, and worked at different jobs until 1898, when he embarked in the general mercantile business in North Buffalo township, this county. There he continued in business until September, 1904, when he sold out and established himself in the same line as before in Cowanshannock township, where he has continued to operate with gratifying results.

On Oct. 17, 1894, he was married to Elizabeth Sloan, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Cooper) Sloan, who were among the first settlers in North Buffalo township. Mr. and Mrs. Schrecengost have three children: Stella, Grace and Helen. All but the youngest daughter belong to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rural Valley. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mrs. Schrecengost's maternal grandfather, Hugh L. Cooper, a pioneer of Allegheny county, Pa., held the rank of major in the war of 1812. Her paternal grandfather, James Sloan, was a pioneer of North Buffalo township, Armstrong county.

WILLIAM C. BEATTY of Bethel township, Armstrong county, is one of the old residents of that section, where he has passed practically all his life. He was born in Bethel township April 7, 1838, son of James Beatty, of that township, who married Catherine Richards, of Armstrong county. Mr. and Mrs. James Beatty had a family of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, five of whom still survive, viz.: Mary (deceased), Michael (deceased), William C., Miles, Ruth (deceased), James, Samuel (deceased), John, Daniel and Catherine. The grandfather, William Beatty, was born east of the mountains in Pennsylvania, and settled in what is now Bethel township, he and his wife, Isabelle

(Colwell), being pioneers in Armstrong county.

William C. Beatty grew to manhood in Bethel township, and is now engaged in farming there, having a tract of twenty-eight acres near Kelly Station. He is an industrious man, has prospered in his work, and has always been ranked among the reliable citizens of his district. On June 23, 1859, he married Mary M. Bruner, of Bethel township, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Stitt) Bruner, of that township, and of the seven children born to this union five survive, two sons and three daughters, of whom we have the following record: James H. died when two and a half years old; Emma Jane, born March 19, 1862, married Edward Drury, of New Kensington, Pa., by whom she had one child, a son, Ivan D.; Stephen Smith, born Sept. 13, 1865, has been at Natrona, Allegheny county, for twenty-five years, engaged in the soda works; Samuel Edward, born Jan. 5, 1870, is a driller by occupation; he is unmarried; Jonathan, born April 5, 1874, died in February, 1883; Ruth, born Oct. 13, 1875, married Charles Teerkes, and they reside at Beaver Falls, Pa. (they have one son); Zoe V., born Aug. 13, 1885, is the wife of Harry Schall, of Armstrong county, a mail carrier, by whom she has had three children, two sons and one daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Beatty are members of the Bethel Lutheran Church.

On Aug. 20, 1862, Mr. Beatty enlisted for service in the Union army, joining the 139th Pennsylvania Infantry, and he made an honorable record during his army experience of nearly three years, receiving his discharge July 5, 1865. He was a member of Company B, under Capt. James L. McCain, and Col. F. H. Collier, and served as sergeant. Among the important engagements at which he saw active service may be mentioned Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, and the battle of the Wilderness, where he was wounded, a shot through the left arm crippling him. Subsequently he was transferred to Company G of the 6th Veteran Reserve Corps. He is an honored member of John A. Hunter Post, No. 123, G. A. R., Leechburg, Pa. In politics he is a Democrat.

ANDERSON FRANK BOYER, formerly of Wickboro, Armstrong county, where he was established in business as a dealer in meats, is now a resident of New Kensington, Pa. He was born July 25, 1879, near Blanco, Armstrong county, son of John J. and Margaret (Rearick) Boyer, and is a grandson of Peter Boyer, an early pioneer and hunter of this section. Peter Boyer's wife was named Sarah.

John J. Boyer was born in Armstrong county, and died in 1883, at the age of twenty-eight years. He was a farmer and merchant of Cowanshannock, this county. In politics he was a Republican, and in religious connection he and his wife were members of the Reformed Church. She died in 1882, aged twenty-six years. They were the parents of three children, namely: Lottie, who died when fifteen years old; Anderson Frank; and Thomas Jackson, of West Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

Anderson Frank Boyer was only three years old when his parents died, and until he reached the age of thirteen he was brought up in the family of his uncle, Jackson Rearick. He was engaged at teaming and farm work until his marriage, after which he located in Indiana county, Pa., following the meat business there for two years. Returning to Armstrong county he settled in Kittanning and was variously employed until he opened a grocery store in association with Mr. Ritchie, to whom he sold out his interest after two or three years. He then, in May, 1911, engaged in the meat business for himself, at Wickboro, where he had a neat and well equipped establishment. He did well from the start, acquiring a good patronage by honorable methods and satisfactory service and holding his customers by his reliability and sincere desire to cater to their tastes. He was a respected as well as prosperous member of the community until his removal to New Kensington, where he is employed by the Prudential Insurance Company.

On Aug. 10, 1904, Mr. Boyer married Verna Blose, of Rockville, Armstrong county, daughter of Edward F. and Salina Blose. They have two children, namely: Edward Carl and Juanita Fay. Mr. Boyer is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, belonging to Lodge No. 487.

R. P. BISH, who owns and operates a farm near Kellersburg, in Madison township, Armstrong county, was born in that township Oct. 9, 1868, son of Joseph and Susanna (Porter) Bish.

Joseph Bish was born in Clarion county, Pa., Aug. 26, 1843, and there grew to manhood. During the Civil war he served in the Union army as a member of Company A, 46th Pennsylvania Volunteers. Eventually he settled on land in Madison township, Armstrong county, where he engaged in farming and min-

ing, and for four years he also carried mail on the Star route, betwen Rimer and Deanville. He has been a lifelong Republican, and is a member of the G. A. R. He resided on his twenty-acre farm in Madison township, one mile east of Kellersburg, until his death, Oct. 22, 1913. Mrs. Bish is now aged sixty-seven years. They were married in 1865. She is a daughter of James Porter, of Brady's Bend, who was a puddler in the iron mill there. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bish, namely: R. P.; Elmira, wife of Robert Campbell, of Natrona, Allegheny Co., Pa.; Silas, who married Carrie Kissinger (he lives in Madison township and is employed in a brickyard); Elizabeth, married to John Pence, living at Kellersburg; Mary, wife of Thomas Gething, living at Tarentum, Allegheny county; Maggie, deceased, who was the wife of A. O. McGee, of Kellersburg; E. E., who married Viola Anthony, and resides in Madison township; Boyd, of Climax, Mahoning township, who married Margaret Rhoads; Estella, who died when eighteen years old; and two who died in infancy.

R. P. Bish received his education at Deanville. After leaving school he was engaged in railroad work for eight years, and then worked in a brickyard for five years before taking up farming on his own account, at that time settling on his present place. This is a tract of 106 acres, one mile south of Kellersburg, in Madison township, and Mr. Bish purchased it from Joseph Myers. During his ownership he has made many improvements on the property, including the remodeling of the present dwelling there and the erection of the barn. About twenty acres of this place is woodland and the balance is devoted to general crops. Mr. Bish has opened a coal bank for his own use, and he has shown himself to be a progressive man in all his work, which he carries on in a systematic and business-like manner. He is one of the substantial citizens of his township, a member of the Madison township Grange, and in politics a Progressive Republican. He has taken no part in public affairs.

Mr. Bish married Arvilla Henry, who was born in East Franklin township, this county, daughter of Sylvester and Elizabeth Henry, and they have had six children, viz.: Edward, who was born in Clarion county; and Lloyd, Edith, Flora, Owen and Robert, in Madison township.

CHARLES MILLER, who was for many years engaged in the gardening business at Parkers Landing, Armstrong county, now retired, was born in Bavaria, Germany, Dec. 18, 1829, son of John and Elizabeth (Sliecher) Miller.

Mr. Miller remained on his father's farm until he was eighteen years of age, in the meanwhile attending the public schools of his native place. In 1848 he came to the United States and located at Boston, Mass., where he attended school in order to learn the English language, and for two years was employed in a sugar refinery there. Mr. Miller then went to Baltimore, Md., where he secured employment in a sugar refinery and remained four years. After spending six months at Bristol, in Bucks county, Pa., he located at Trenton, N. J., and entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Amboy Railroad Company as a brakeman. Later he was employed as a blacksmith, at which work he continued until 1862. In that year he enlisted for service in the Civil war, for nine months, as a member of Company K, 28th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and at the end of his term was honorably discharged at Freehold, N. J. He did not escape all injury, receiving a flesh wound in his right leg at the battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862, which sent him to hospital. Later participated in the battle of Chancellorsville and was in other engagements.

After his honorable discharge from the army Mr. Miller resumed work as a blacksmith with the railroad company at Trenton, where he remained for one year, and then went to Brooklyn, N. Y., and for three years following was in the hotel business. He then spent two years in Pittsburgh, as foreman in a factory, and in 1869 located at Parkers Landing, Pa., where until his retirement he engaged in gardening.

On July 16, 1856, Mr. Miller was married to Elizabeth Rosa Hafley, a daughter of Lawrence and Anna Hafley, of Württemberg, Germany, and six children were born to them, namely: Charles, who is now deceased; William; Gustave, deceased; Matilda, who is the wife of Henry Lutz, of McDonald, Pa.; and two who died in infancy. In 1906 Mr. and Mrs. Miller celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. She died Feb. 24, 1913, and Mr. Miller has since resided with his daughter, Mrs. Lutz, at McDonald, Pa. Mrs. Miller was a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which Mr. Miller also belongs. He is a member of Craig Post, No. 75, G. A. R., of Parkers Landing. Politically he is a Republican. The high esteem in which he was held by his fellow citizens at Parker was frequently shown by his election to responsible offices, in which

he served faithfully and efficiently. For many years he was supervisor and school director, for fourteen years was constable, and for thirteen years tax collector, making a better record in the latter office than shown in any previous returns.

WILLIAM FAULL, an oil and gas producer, of Sugar Creek township, Armstrong county, was born in England March 5, 1853, son of Henry Faull.

Henry Faull with his wife Elizabeth came to the United States when their son William was only a year old. Attracted by the copper mines of Michigan, they settled in that State, and there the father worked as a copper miner until his death, at the age of thirty-eight years; he is buried in Michigan. His widow later married J. G. Richards, who died in 1909 at Oakdale, Pa., where she now lives.

William Faull attended school in Michigan and Brady's Bend township, Armstrong Co., Pa., having come to the latter place in 1868, since which date he has been a resident of the county. Upon completing his school days he entered the oil fields as a pumper, and has also had some experience as a coal miner. On Nov. 23, 1885, Mr. Faull located in Sugar Creek township, and he now has four producing wells, with an average capacity of about four barrels daily, which he handles himself. He also owns thirty acres of land in the same township, well improved.

In 1878 Mr. Faull was united in marriage with Ella Milliron at Brady's Bend, Pa. She is a daughter of John Milliron, an early settler of Brady's Bend, where he was a merchant and hotel man. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Faull located in Brady's Bend township, where three of their children were born: Henry, Beatrice and Clara. They then moved to the McCree farm in Sugar Creek township, where the other three children were born, C. P., J. P. and W. A. L. Fraternally Mr. Faull belongs to the K. O. T. M. lodge of Chicora, Pa., and politically he is an independent Republican; he has never held office.

WILLIAM SCOTT BLAIR, of South Bethlehem, Armstrong county, justice of the peace, is a respected resident of that section, where he has been in the employ of the C. E. Andrews Lumber Company for a number of years. He was born Nov. 10, 1859, in Mahoning township, this county, son of John C. and Sarah Ellen (Halderman) Blair, and grandson of William Blair. William Blair and his father, Alexander Blair, were pioneers of Armstrong county, settling in what is now East Franklin township, where they cleared and improved a farm. In his later life William Blair moved to Clarion county, Pa., where he died. He married Nancy Campbell, and they had the following children who grew to maturity: Alexander, John C., Esther (wife of John Motherel), Elizabeth, Jane, James, Samuel Q., and Margaret.

John C. Blair, son of William and Nancy (Campbell) Blair, was born in Pennsylvania. He was reared in Clarion county, and worked as a collier for many years, also clearing and improving a farm of 140 acres in Porter township, Clarion county. He died there when seventy-two years old. His wife Sarah Ellen (Halderman), daughter of John and Mary (Williams) Halderman, was born in Pennsylvania, and she also is deceased. Her parents were pioneer settlers in Mahoning and Wayne townships, this county. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Blair four grew to maturity: William Scott; Anna B., who married J. L. Van Dyke; and Charles Edgar and Carrie Edna, twins, the latter the wife of Winfield M. Lerch. The father served one year during the Civil war as a member of Company A, 98th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

William Scott Blair grew up in Porter township, Clarion county, and received his education in the public schools. He remained on the homestead, assisting his father until he reached the age of twenty-three years. From 1883 to 1890 he worked the place on his own account, in the latter year going to Elk county, where he was employed by the W. H. Hyde Lumber Company, of Ridgway, until 1898. For the next two years he acted as superintendent of the Ridgway Water Works, and then for two years was employed in the electrical and dynamo department of the Ridgway Dynamo & Engine Company. Since 1902 he has resided at South Bethlehem, in Armstrong county, and has been in the employ of the C. E. Andrews Company, of New Bethlehem, as assistant foreman of the planing mill. He has become very well known in this connection and in various other activities. In 1908 he was elected justice of the peace for South Bethlehem, in which office he is still serving, and he is a prominent member of the First Presbyterian Church of New Bethlehem, of which he has been an elder for seven years. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and in political connection is a Republican.

On Jan. 2, 1883, Mr. Blair married Florence May Phillips, daughter of Jacob and Lovina

(McMillan) Phillips, of Porter township, Clarion Co., Pa. They have four living children: Mabel M., wife of W. S. Lininger; Frank H.; John Carlton; and Fannie E., wife of Omar G. Beham.

JONATHAN BOYD, of No. 630 North McKean street, Kittanning, has been a resident of that borough practically all his life. He was born Feb. 21, 1842, one mile from Yatesboro, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of Joshua P. and Sarah (Forrester) Boyd, who moved to Kittanning when he was six years old.

Joshua P. Boyd, the father, was born in Armstrong county, son of Isaac Boyd, whose wife's maiden name was Pierce. Both parents went away at the time of the war of 1812, never to return, and their son was left to grow up among friends of the family. He was brought up by "Jake" Baer. Joshua P. Boyd was a brickmaker by occupation, following the old-fashioned method of drying the bricks in the sun. He died in 1886, at the age of seventy-seven years. In politics he was a Democrat, but not an active member of the party, and he never aspired to public office. He married Sarah Forrester, who was born in Philadelphia, daughter of George Forrester, a native of Germany who taught school in his native land and also after coming to America. To Joshua P. and Sarah Boyd were born the following children: George (who is deceased), Racilla, Philip, Frank, Jonathan, Polly, Jeremiah, Catherine, Manuel, Joshua, Sarah and Emeline, of whom seven are living.

Jonathan Boyd lived in Kittanning from the age of six years, obtaining his education there in the common schools. In 1862 he enlisted in Company M, 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Captain Daily, and served nearly three years, being mustered out in the fall of 1865, as corporal. He saw active service in the battles of Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, Martinsburg, Rocky Gap, Smithville, Lynchburg, and many skirmishes. Returning to Kittanning after receiving his honorable discharge, in 1865, he was married the next year. He worked for some time in the nail mill, making nails by hand, and then entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with which he remained for the next eighteen years, after which he became janitor of the school at Kittanning, holding that position for fifteen years. He has since lived retired. He has a comfortable residence on North McKean street, and is enjoying a well-deserved respite from work. Mr. Boyd is a Democrat in politics, in which, however, he has taken no active part. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church.

On Dec. 25, 1866, Mr. Boyd was married to Mary Catherine Hunter, who was born Oct. 23, 1847, at Apollo, Armstrong Co., Pa., daughter of George A. and Elizabeth (Jones) Hunter. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd have had no children of their own but they reared his niece, Margaret Jane Boyd, and after her death raised her son, Walter Boyd McMaster, who is now married to Ruth Bradfield, of Virginia, and has two children, Rebecca and Boyd Bradfield.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG HUNTER, father of Mrs. Jonathan Boyd, was born in Armstrong county, Pa., son of Canada and Margaret (Fiscus) Hunter, the former of Scotch-Irish, the latter of German, parentage. Canada Hunter was a veteran of the war of 1812. George A. Hunter was engaged as a boatman on the canal until that mode of transportation and travel was superseded by the railroad, after which he settled down to farming in Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county; he lived retired or many years before his death, which occurred Feb. 8, 1912, when he was aged ninety-three years. He was a Democrat in politics. He married Elizabeth Jones, who came with her parents, Owen and Catherine Jones, from North Wales, where she was born, and settled at Apollo, Armstrong Co., Pa., where they were among the early residents. George A. and Elizabeth (Jones) Hunter had the following children: Ann Elizabeth; Mary Catherine (who is the wife of Jonathan Boyd); Robert James; John O.; Margaret Jane (who married William Tittle and died leaving four children, Alice, Maud, Anna B., and James); George C.; Ellen M.; and William.

THOMAS J. ROWLEY, a merchant, doing business at North Vandergrift, Armstrong Co., Pa., is a member of one of the old and prominent families of his section. He was born Nov. 26, 1875, along Cherry run, in Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, son of John Rowley and a grandson of Jacob Rowley.

Jacob Rowley was one of the pioneers in what is now Plum Creek township, securing 600 acres of valuable land in early days, a part of which remains in the family. In old township records his name appears and he evidently was one of the leading men of his time in this part of the county. He died at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife, Polly Rowley,

lived to be ninety years old. They were buried in the Rowley burial tract on their own land. They had five children: John, Jacob, Ellen, Nancy and Martha.

John Rowley, son of Jacob and father of Thomas J. Rowley, was born on his father's farm in Plum Creek township and became owner of 100 acres of the homestead. He devoted his life entirely to agricultural pursuits. He was twice married, first to a member of the Rupert family of Armstrong county, and (second) to Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel George. She died in 1889. The children of the first union were: Aaron B., Mary and Josephine. Nine children were born to the second marriage, as follows: Sadie, who died when aged twenty-seven years; Samuel C., who owns the old family homestead in Plum Creek township; Susan, who died when aged twenty-one years; Thomas J.; Jemima, who married Joseph Dickey; Lottie, who married Harry Christy; Minnie, who married Harvey Rearick; and Alice and Edmund.

Thomas J. Rowley attended the public schools and remained at home assisting his father until he was twenty-five years of age, when he was employed by the Gosser Furniture Company at Apollo, Pa. In January, 1904, he removed from that place to North Vandergrift, where he conducts a general store and also handles flour, feed and grain, doing a large business and enjoying patronage from all the surrounding country. He has always voted the Democratic ticket and in 1907 was elected a justice of the peace for Parks township, in which office he served until 1911, when he resigned, finding it necessary to give all his attention to his rapidly growing business.

Mr. Rowley married Annetta, daughter of Jacob Manges, of Indiana county, and they have four children: Velma, Leila, Paul and Gladys. Mr. and Mrs. Rowley are members of the Lutheran Church.

JACOB T. HILEMAN, a resident of Manor township, Armstrong county, was born Jan. 21, 1858, in that township, son of Jacob Hileman, who made his home in Armstrong county and died in 1860. He is one of a family of nine children, seven sons and one daughter besides himself, namely: Joseph, who is a veteran of the Civil war; Michael; Lee; William; Hannah, deceased; Alexander; John, deceased; and Aaron. The mother, Catharine Isamon, died in March, 1904, as the result of an accident, having been seriously burned. The grandparents of Mr. Hileman were of German descent.

Jacob T. Hileman was reared and educated in Manor township, and has passed all his life in Armstrong county. He is a farmer by occupation, and has lived at his present home in Manor township for the last twenty-two years. He is one of the highly respected citizens of that section, a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, in which he has held the office of deacon for the last twelve years, and a member of the Woodmen of the World.

On Oct. 13, 1881, Mr. Hileman married Emma Garman, daughter of William Garman, of Cambria county, Pa., and they have had a family of seven children, six sons and one daughter, all of whom survive, namely: Tomer, now of Montana, who graduated from the Effingham, Ill., School of Photography; William Ross, of Alberta, Canada, a farmer; Mina, now the wife of Roy Graham, a chief engineer, of Clarksburg, W. Va. (they have one child, Hileman, now—1912—eighteen months old); Clarence, a builder, of Ford City, Armstrong Co., Pa., who married Germa Lefever and has one son, now two years old; Blair, aged eighteen, Donald, aged sixteen, and Dee, aged twelve, all of whom are still with their parents.

SAMUEL W. KELLER, now serving as justice of the peace at Ford City, Armstrong county, was born in this county Aug. 4, 1838, and belongs to a family of German extraction.

John F. Keller, his grandfather, was a native of Germany, and when he brought his family to America first settled in Center county, Pa., later locating at Luthersburg, Clearfield county, where he had a shop. He was a cabinetmaker by trade. He subsequently moved to Clarion county, Pa., making his home at Wild Cat Furnace, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1845. His wife died at Rimersburg, Clarion Co., Pa. They had four children: Frederick lived and died in Wisconsin; William was a carpenter, and later engaged in the oil business at Rimersburg; John F. is mentioned below; Sarah married John Snyder, of Rimersburg, Pa., where both died.

John F. Keller received a good education in German, but he was self-taught in English. He came to this country with his father and the rest of the family when a boy, learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it all his life. During his earlier life he spent some time at Luthersburg, was later in Venango county, and then moved to Cherry Run, Clarion Co.,

Pa., and from that point to Wild Cat Furnace, where he found employment at the furnace. He first came to Armstrong county in 1862, and in 1863 returned to this county, to Stewartson Furnace, in Pine township, where he worked until his death, Sept. 2, 1877. He was a man of quiet, industrious habits, and though a stanch Republican in political sentiment never took any part in party affairs or aspired to public office. In early life he was a Lutheran in religious connection, later becoming a Methodist. He married Elizabeth Heisey, of Clearfield county, Pa., whose parents came to this country from Germany; they had six children, John, Jacob, Martin, Elizabeth (Mrs. Keller), Sarah and Jane. Mrs. Keller died at Wild Cat Furnace in 1845. She was the mother of six children: Rosamond (deceased) was the wife of D. H. Brigham, of New Bethlehem, Pa.; Martha married Michael Snare, and both are deceased; Mary married Joseph Wengler, and both are deceased; John H. died at Stewartson Furnace, Armstrong county; Samuel W. is mentioned below; Elizabeth married James Hollopeter, of Clearfield county, Pennsylvania.

During his boyhood Samuel W. Keller had little opportunity for schooling. When only six years old he was "put out" to a Mr. Brown, in Clearfield county, with whom he remained until he reached the age of twelve. He was abusive and the boy left him and went to Clarion county, going to the home of his sister, Mrs. Snare, at Heilan Furnace, where he lived for two years. He then went to Caldwell Furnace, Armstrong county, later returning to Clarion county, where he went to live with Capt. Thomas Kerr, with whom he remained for about twelve years. He then went to Union Furnace, Union Co., Pa., and worked in the furnace there for two years, at the end of that time coming back to Armstrong county, and working at the Caldwell Furnace until 1861.

On Aug. 29, 1861, Mr. Keller enlisted at Caldwell Furnace in Company C, 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was sent to Louisville, Ky. Later he went to Nashville, Tenn., and his first engagement was at Neely Bend, after which he saw active service in the battles at Lavergne, Stone River, Tallahassee, Decherd's Station, Lookout Mountain and Chickamauga, from which place they went to Chattanooga, holding that town for three months. Receiving reinforcements, they captured Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. Mr. Keller was discharged because of disability Feb. 12, 1864, and returning to Stewartson Furnace, Armstrong Co., Pa., worked there and in the mines for the next fourteen years. He also ran an engine and worked in the ore yard until the Laughlin Company went out of business, and for fifteen years he was employed at the carbon works; he ran an engine for five years of that period, and was night watchman for ten years. In 1900 he settled at Ford City, entering the employ of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, for whom he acted as night watchman two years. Because of ill health had to give up work in the factory. In 1909 he was elected justice of the peace. He is a much respected citizen of the borough, and his intelligent and faithful discharge of his duties has won him the good will of all who have had dealings with him.

On March 27, 1867, Mr. Keller married Sarah Conway, of Stewartson Furnace, Armstrong Co., Pa., daughter of John and Eva (Butz) Conway. She died May 22, 1905, the mother of nine children, namely: Elizabeth, who married William D. Gibson, of Kittanning (deceased); Phrone, who married John Cartwright, of Sharon, Pa.; Frederick, assistant foreman in the plaster department of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Works at Ford City, who married Elda Shotts; Samuel B., an electrician; Robert, a potmaker in the Plate Glass Works at Ford City, who married Ferris Beatty, of Ford City; Calvin R., finisher of glass in the works at Ford City, who married Marie Faulx, of Ford City; Amanda, at home; Agnes, a saleslady; and Sarah, a reporter for the Ford City department of the Kittanning *Daily Leader*. All the children reside in Ford City but Mrs. Gibson, who lives in Kittanning, and Mrs. Cartwright, who lives in Girard, Ohio. Mrs. Keller was a member of the M. E. Church. In politics Mr. Keller is a Republican.

JOHN NICHOLAS REBOLT, proprietor of the "Thompson Hotel" at Templeton, Armstrong county, has not been at that location long, but he has been a lifelong resident of the county, and has been a respected member of the various communities in which he has lived. He was born in this county in September, 1865, son of George S. Rebolt.

George S. Rebolt was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, where he married Christina Lucks, who like himself was born and reared there. He farmed at his native place until 1856, when he came to America, settling at Brady's Bend, in Armstrong county, Pa. He dug coal and also followed farming, and in

1869 obtained a farm in Madison township, where he engaged in stockraising as well as agricultural pursuits. He died Nov. 5, 1870, when only thirty-nine years old, his wife, who survived him almost forty years, dying in 1909, at the age of seventy-five. They were members of the German Reformed Church. Mr. and Mrs. Rebolt received their education entirely in Germany, learning English after they settled here, in their intercourse with English-speaking people. They had a family of eight children, namely: Eliza, who is the wife of David Mowrie, of Parker, Pa.; Katie, deceased; Annie, deceased; Mary; George, a farmer on the old home place; John Nicholas; Martha, deceased, and Henry deceased.

John Nicholas Rebolt received the little schooling he was allowed in the common schools of the home neighborhood. He lived with his mother until he reached the age of twenty-four years. When a boy of eleven he commenced to work at the coal mines, and was thus engaged for twenty-three years. From 1904 until 1910 he conducted the "Rebolt Hotel" at Rimerton, Armstrong county, after that experience farming for a short time before he settled at Templeton, where he bought the "Thompson Hotel." He is doing an excellent business, which bids fair to increase under his management. He has many friends in this section, and his sociable disposition and adaptability have proved valuable factors in the line in which he is now engaged. He has given all his time to his own affairs, never aspiring to public honors or position.

On April 11, 1889, Mr. Rebolt married Lulu Bowser, of Washington township, daughter of Mathias Bowser, and they have had six children: Charles A. was educated in Madison township and Kittanning, attending the academy at that borough, and died aged twenty years, four months, thirty days; Minnie E. died when seven months, ten days old; Frank M. is at home; John died when thirteen months old; George died when sixteen months old; Genevieve is at home. Mrs. Rebolt is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Rebolt is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and in politics is a Republican.

M. MILLER, a farmer of Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, was born near his present home in that township Aug. 10, 1853, son of Matthias and Susan (Shett) Miller.

Grandfather Miller came from Ireland at an early day, locating in what is now Kiskiminetas township, in what was then Westmoreland county.

Matthias Miller was born in Pennsylvania, as was his wife. They had eight children, all of whom survive, and of this family M. Miller is the fifth child. The father was a farmer. The Lutheran Church held his membership. On the maternal side M. Miller traces his ancestry back to those of German birth.

M. Miller attended the common schools until he was twenty years old. After farming for some years on rented land, in 1901 Mr. Miller bought 130 acres of land, on which he located. This has since continued to be his home. It is a part of the old Anderson homestead, the property of his father-in-law, Henry Anderson, who died in 1899, after having been a successful farmer for many years. The Anderson family is numbered among the pioneer ones of Armstrong county. After the death of Mr. Anderson, who had lived upon his homestead until his death, the estate was settled and placed on the market. Mr. Miller is numbered among the leading farmers of his locality. For several years he has been supervisor of his township and a member of the school board, having been elected to both offices on the Democratic ticket. Since casting his first vote he has been faithful to the interests of this party.

On March 8, 1880, Mr. Miller married, at Elder's Ridge, Susan Anderson.

JOHN M. SCHRECENGOST, of Rural Valley, Armstrong county, who is employed as fieldman by the American Natural Gas Company, was born at that place July 20, 1871, son of Zephaniah C. and Sarah A. (Houser) Schrecengost. The parents are also natives of Armstrong county, where this family has been represented for several generations. The name is variously spelled. The family is of German origin, the first of his ancestors to come to America, Jacob (known as Yock) Schrecengost, having been a native of Germany; he settled in eastern Pennsylvania.

Conrad (or Coonrod) Schrecengost, Sr., son of Jacob, also born in Germany, was the great-grandfather of John M. He came to America with his father, and lived for some time in Bucks or Berks county, Pa., removing west to what is now Armstrong county in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He purchased land in Kittanning (what is now Valley) township, and not only followed agricultural pursuits, but mechanical work also, being a gunsmith by trade. He could use a

gun as well as make one and was a famous hunter in his day. His death occurred at his homestead. He was a Federalist in politics and in religious belief a Lutheran, beng a member of the church. His wife, formerly a Miss Zortman, was like himself a native of Germany. Of their nine children, six sons and three daughters, we have record of three sons: Coonrod, Jr., who married Susanna Oury; John, and Daniel.

Daniel Schrecengost, son of Coonrod, was born in 1807 in what is now Valley township, where he passed most of his life. He cleared and improved a farm there, and for many years also kept tavern at the old "Stone House" on the Kittanning pike. In his later life he removed to Rural Valley, remaining there until his death, which occurred in 1883. He was a thrifty, industrious and prosperous man, followed his trade of gunsmith as well as farming and tavern-keeping, and acquired the ownership of three hundred acres in his native township. He was a stanch Republican and active in the work of his party in this locality, at one time being its candidate for sheriff of Armstrong county. For several years he held the office of constable. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mr. Schrecengost married Mary Crum, who was born in 1799 and died in 1885. Her father was a German farmer of Plum Creek township, this county, and they had a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters: Emanuel Z., who was four times married, his wives being Sarah Hartman, Annie McCurdy, Mary Richards and Malinda Foster, respectively; Zephaniah C., of Plumville, who married Sarah Houser, (second) Nancy Hartman, and (third) Sarah E. Lewis; Solomon S., who served during the Civil war (in 1864-65) in the Army of the Potomac (he never married); Daniel W., of Indiana, Pa., who married Mary Ohlinger (he enlisted in Company M, 139th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the close of the Civil war; he was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness); Aaron C., who married Katherine Hill; Margaret, who married Samuel Stoops; Mary, deceased; and Isabella.

Zephaniah C. Schrecengost, father of John M., was born Oct. 23, 1830, and died March 24, 1909, at Plumville, Indiana county, in his seventy-ninth year. He huckstered from Plumville to Dubois, Pa., and for many years was engaged in the hotel business at Rural Valley and Plumville. His first marriage was to Sarah A. Houser, a daughter of Daniel Houser, a pioneer of Valley township, and she died Jan. 5, 1873, the mother of five children who attained maturity: Anna B. married to Allison Roscoe, of Dubois, Pa.; Elmer E., married to Mary Hoover; Ira Grant, married to Nellie Stuchell; Maggie C.; and John M. Another son, Burt C., was born to his second wife, Nancy (Hartman).

John M. Schrecengost received his education at the common schools, Glade Run Academy, and the Rural Valley Select School. He began work as a farmer, but in 1902 entered the employ of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, with whom he remained a few years, in 1906 changing to the American Natural Gas Company. He is engaged as fieldman, and is a thoroughly reliable worker. He is a respected resident of his community, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

On Nov. 28, 1912, Mr. Schrencengost married Alice Fulton, daughter of William H. and Elizabeth (Henderson) Fulton, of Armstrong county, the former of whom died July 15, 1907; Mrs. Schrecengost was but sixteen months old when her mother died.

JOHN T. FENNELL, who is engaged in mining in Bethel township, Armstrong county, has lived in the county all his life, having been born Sept. 23, 1873, in Manor township, son of George Fennell. He has had his home in Bethel township from an early age.

Mr. Fennell's great-grandfather came to Indiana county, Pa., from Germany with his wife and family. His son George was a resident of Indiana and Westmoreland county.

George Fennell, son of George, married Mary J. Keeler, who was born at Blanket Hill, Armstrong county, and died in 1896, aged 67. Mr. Fennell resides at Pattonville, with his daughter Melissa. They had a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters, namely: William is deceased; Anthony is a resident of Montgomeryville, Armstrong county; George A., merchant and farmer, lives in Bethel township; Melissa married John Bryan, a merchant, of Manor township (who is a near relation of William J. Bryan, the "great commoner"), and they have a family of five children, four sons and one daughter; May married John Bennett, of Pittsburgh, and has five children, four sons and one daughter, Aubrey, Elsie, Arlie, Clifford and Rex; Nancy, who married Daniel Klingensmith, died in 1890, leaving two children,

Nettie and Clarence; Bertha married William Bryan (brother of John, her sister Melissa's husband), and they had two children, May and Ruth, the latter dying when two years old; John T. is mentioned below; Arthur Gordon, who lives in Bethel township, married Clara Klingensmith, and has three children, Grace, Ralph and Ruby.

John T. Fennell was educated in the common schools. He has been engaged in mining and as a carpenter, blacksmith and bricklayer at the coal mines, being at present in the employ of the Raridan & East Brady Coal Company.

On May 5, 1898, John T. Fennell was married to Flora Booher, of Armstrong county, daughter of Joseph and Emma (Wilson) Booher, and six children have been born to this union: Mervyn, born April 15, 1899; Clarence, born Aug. 20, 1901; Orin, born Oct. 2, 1904; Wyley, born June 11, 1907; Hilary, born March 7, 1910; and Lloyd S., born July 6, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Fennell are Baptists in religious connection, members of the Homewood Church. Mr. Fennell was a member of White Rock Lodge, No. 979, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican.

H. M. NICHOLS, of Kellersburg, Armstrong county, has been engaged in the blacksmith business at that place for the last fifteen years, and is now serving as justice of the peace. He is one of the well-known citizens of the locality. Mr. Nichols was born in Perry township, Clarion Co., Pa., Sept. 15, 1867, and is a grandson of Asa Nichols, who came to this section from New York State, settling in Strattonville, Pennsylvania.

Isaac N. Nichols, father of H. M. Nichols, was born in New York State, and was two years old when the family moved to Clarion county. He was a resident of Perry township for some sixty years, dying there in November, 1911, at the age of seventy-nine. By trade he was a carpenter, but he also did other kinds of work. He was married in Perry township to Charity Neff, a native of that township, daughter of Thomas Neff, and they became the parents of nine children, of whom H. M. is seventh in the order of birth. He and his brother, A. L. Nichols, are the only members of the family residing in Armstrong county. The mother still makes her home in Perry township, Clarion county. She is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to which her husband also belonged, and he was a Republican in politics, but not active in such matters.

H. M. Nichols received his education in the common schools of Perry township, Clarion county. He learned his father's trade, that of carpenter, at which he was employed until 1898, when he commenced to do blacksmith work at Kellersburg. He acquired his knowledge of the trade under L. J. Wolf who was well known as a justice of the peace here also. Mr. Nichols succeeded Mr. Wolf in the blacksmith business, buying his present property in October, 1898, and he has not only held the old patrons but continued to develop the trade steadily. He does blacksmithing and general repair work. He has one and a half acres of land, on which he built his comfortable residence in 1904. For one year Mr. Nichols was assistant mail carrier on the Mahoning R. F. D. route No. 1. In November, 1911, he was elected justice of the peace for Madison township, the duties of which office he discharges with characteristic ability and due regard for his obligations to his fellow citizens.

In September, 1888, Mr. Nichols married Cora E. Moorhead, daughter of J. W. Moorhead, an old settler of Armstrong county, and they have two living children, Velma E. and Mary Bell. Four children died in infancy. Mr. Nichols holds membership in Lodge No. 1139, I. O. O. F., of Widnoon, Pa. Since 1898 he has been a member of the M. E. Church at Kellersburg, which he has served faithfully as an official. In political connection he has always been a Republican.

THOMAS J. SHANER, sheriff of Armstrong county, and a man whose influence has been felt in this locality for some years, although he is still in the very prime of vigorous manhood, was born Feb. 12, 1877, in Westmoreland county, Pa., a son of David F. and Martha J. (Owens) Shaner.

The founder of the Shaner family in the United States was a native of Germany who settled in Westmoreland county at an early date, and became one of the prosperous farmers of that region.

Henry Shaner, father of David F. Shaner, and grandson of the first Shaner in America, was born and reared in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he spent his useful life. He, too, was a successful farmer and good business man. His family numbered eighteen children, most of whom grew to maturity, and thirteen of them still survive, being numbered among the venerable residents of Westmoreland county.



Thos. J. Shaner

David F. Shaner moved to Apollo, Armstrong county, about 1883, and has continued to make his home there ever since. For many years he was employed in the iron mills there, but is now retired from active life. He and his wife had seven children, as follows: Harry E.; Lazarus H.; William A.; Thomas J.; Frank B.; Bessie, deceased; and Jennie K.

Thomas J. Shaner was educated at the public schools of Apollo and in a commercial college, where he took a comprehensive business course. Following this he became a clerk in a hardware and grocery store, where he remained until Jan. 1, 1904, when he was appointed deputy sheriff under Erwin E. Cochrane. His three years of faithful service proved his worth, and three years later he was appointed to the same office by Sheriff Frick. For three years more he discharged the duties of this important office, and was the logical candidate of his party for sheriff in 1909, receiving a majority of 2,916, the largest ever given a nominee for this office.

On June 12, 1907, Mr. Shaner was married to Jennie E. Shaffer, daughter of Chambers A. Shaffer, of Kittanning. Two children, Mary Lucille and Kenneth Owen, have been born of this marriage. Mr. Shaner is a consistent member of the Baptist Church. Since he entered upon the duties of his office, Jan. 1, 1910, a decided improvement has been made in such county matters as come under his jurisdiction, and the people of Armstrong county feel that in him they have a first-class, conscientious and business-like sheriff.

JAMES H. MOORE has spent all his life on the farm in Boggs township, Armstrong county, which he now occupies, having been born there July 27, 1873, son of Matthew and Mary (Hay) Moore. His grandfather, Charles Moore, had the following children: Eliza, Mrs. Sparks; Gracie, Mrs. Moses Park; Ann Jane, Mrs. Stien; Rebecca; Sarah, Mrs. Mickelwain; William; Charles; John, and Matthew.

Matthew Moore was born in Ireland, on an island away from the mainland, and came to America in 1852, He spent some time in Philadelphia, where he married. Previous to that event he had located and purchased a farm in Boggs township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he settled with his wife in the late fifties. His first buildings there were a log cabin and barn which in after years were replaced with more modern structures, a frame residence taking the place of the original dwelling. The tract consisted of 127 acres, which he cleared and improved, and there he passed his remaining days, dying in 1897, at the age of about seventy-three years. His wife died May 8, 1883, at the age of forty-two years. Their children were: James H.; Charles S., who is deceased; John S., deceased; George M., deceased; Mary J.

James H. Moore grew to manhood at his native place and attended the common schools of the vicinity during his boyhood. He graduated from the commercial school at Grove City, Mercer Co., Pa., and when a young man taught school in Boggs township for two years. Upon his marriage he commenced housekeeping at the old homestead, and there he has continued to reside, engaged in general farming and stock raising. Mr. Moore is a citizen who takes considerable interest in the general welfare, and he has been active in his locality in school affairs particularly, holding several township offices.

Mr. Moore married Clara B. Spence, who was born Oct. 6, 1869, daughter of Samuel and Eliza Spence, and they have become the parents of five children, born as follows: Howard Mason, Dec. 2, 1898; Elizabeth M., May 3, 1900; Alice Gertrude, May 2, 1902; Robert L., Feb. 6, 1906; Charles W. H., Nov. 9, 1911.

ANDREW T. MILLIKEN, postmaster at Adrian, as well as senior member of the firm of Milliken Brothers, general merchants of that place, was born Aug. 16, 1886, in Armstrong county, Pa., son of John Milliken.

John Milliken was a man of importance in his community. When he died, Jan. 16, 1911, he was the owner of 300 acres of choice farm land, and his success was honorably earned.

Andrew T. Milliken attended public school until nineteen years old, when he entered the mercantile business at Adrian. On March 30, 1911, he and his brother formed the firm of Milliken Brothers, having bought the store owned by H. M. Claypool. These brothers conduct a large business, their trade extending over a wide territory. They carry all kinds of general merchandise, and buy and sell every variety of country produce. In 1911 Mr. Milliken was appointed postmaster of Adrian.

On June 9, 1909, Mr. Milliken was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Fennell. Mr. Milliken belongs to the Independent Americans. He is a man of liberal views and public spirit, and both as a business man and public official has proved himself worthy of all the trust reposed in him.

SAMUEL C. ROWLEY, the owner of a ninety-five acre farm in Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, was born on that place Oct. 4, 1872, son of John and Elizabeth (George) Rowley.

John Rowley was born April 6, 1831, on the farm where he died Oct. 24, 1905—the homestead place in Plum Creek township now occupied by his son Samuel. He was twice married, and had a family of twelve children, three by his first wife, Anna Mary Rupert, namely: Aaron B., who is in Oklahoma, engaged in the real estate business; Mary, wife of Simon Shawl, a farmer of Plum Creek township; and Josephine, wife of John E. Burkett, of South Bend township, Armstrong county. For his second wife Mr. Rowley married Elizabeth George, who was born in Burrell township, this county, daughter of Samuel George, and died at the Rowley homestead July 1, 1887. She was the mother of nine children, viz.: Sadie, born May 12, 1870, who died when thirty years old; Samuel C., born Oct. 4, 1872; Susan Irene, born in 1874, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Thomas, a merchant at North Vandergrift, Pa., who married Nettie Mangus, of Indiana, Pa., and has four children, one son and three daughters; Rosa J., who married Joseph Dickey, a mill man of Vandergrift, Pa.; Lottie E., who married Harry Christy, of Girty, Armstrong county, a farmer, and has five children; Minnie, who married H. N. Rearick, a farmer of Plum Creek township, and has three children; Alice, born in 1886, who lives at home on the old farm; and Eddie, a machinist, now at Gary, Ind., formerly in the government employ.

Samuel C. Rowley grew up on the home farm and obtained his education in the local country schools. He has always followed farming, and now owns and cultivates the homestead, which is a fertile tract of ninety-five acres, in excellent condition. He is one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of his section.

On May 2, 1905, Mr. Rowley was married to Minnie Hankey, of Kittanning township, Armstrong county, daughter of Benjamin H. Hankey, whose family consisted of seven children. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rowley: Alice Ramona, born March 7, 1906; Beulah Ruth, born in June, 1908; and Samuel Milford, born in March, 1910. The family attend the Lutheran Church. In his political views Mr. Rowley is a Democrat.

JAMES R. HILL, sheet roller, employed in the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company's plant at Leechburg, Pa., was born in Butler county, Pa., Oct. 16, 1866, son of Shiloh and Mary E. (Weaver) Hill.

James R. Hill obtained his education in the public schools and the Leechburg Academy, and afterward was employed in mill work under his father for four years. His next position was with a coal company in Westmoreland county, where he engaged in weighing coal for five years, and from there he went to Apollo, Pa., where he was employed in the sheet mill for one year, coming to Leechburg in October, 1893. He accepted a position in the Kirkpatrick & Co. mill, which was absorbed by the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, and has been employed there ever since, in 1901 becoming a roller, one of the most responsible and lucrative positions in a mill of this kind.

On Oct. 13, 1891, Mr. Hill was married to Lizzie L. Millen, daughter of William and Susan (Frantz) Millen, and they had eight children born to them, all surviving except the fourth born, Mary M., who died when fifteen months old. Those living are: Earl C., who is a graduate of the Leechburg high school, and at present a student in the Iron City Business College, at Pittsburgh; Roy N.; William A.; Florence L.; James Clyde; Jessie E. and Grace F., all attending school who are old enough to be admitted. Mr. Hill and his family are members of Grace Lutheran Church and for several years he has served on the church council. Politically a Republican, his good citizenship has been recognized by his fellow citizens and they have kept him a member of the town council for three years.

HIRAM HILL SIPES (or Sipe), assessor of South Buffalo township, Armstrong county, was born in that township Dec. 29, 1848, son of George Sipes, and resides on the old homestead which was purchased by his grandfather, Charles Sipes (or Sipe), from James Mathias and William Sloan, the original patentees, in 1811.

Charles Sipes, the grandfather, was one of the very first settlers in this region, having come here from Westmoreland county with his wife and infant son in 1797 and located on the ground now occupied by the old Lutheran graveyard, the site of the "old mud church," on the Freeport and Kittanning pike, midway between Freeport and Slate Lick. He cleared the land. Charles Sipes was a very well-

known and useful man among the early settlers, having been both a gunsmith and blacksmith. Settlers came for many miles to his shop, the site of which may still be seen on the old homestead, to have rifles made and repaired. Some of the rifles made by him are still in the possession of old families in this region, one being now owned by Alex Livingood. He died Dec. 15, 1831, and is buried in the old Presbyterian cemetery at Slate Lick. His father John was a veteran of the war of 1812.

George Sipes, son of Charles, and father of Hiram Hill Sipes, was born Feb. 13, 1805, in South Buffalo township, and married Dec. 20, 1831, Barbara Painter, who was born in the same township May 25, 1806. Besides Hiram H. they had five children: Charles, John and Ann Eliza being now deceased; the surviving brother, Robert M., now living in Pittsburgh, is remembered as a famous stonemason and bricklayer and was admitted to the bar in both Butler and Allegheny counties. The surviving sister, Melissa, is unmarried and resides with her brother Hiram. Hiram H. Sipes also had a half-brother, Thompson McCamish, now deceased, who was a veteran of the Civil war, and a half-sister, Mrs. Harriet Ferry, also deceased. These were children by Mrs. Sipes' former marriage.

Hiram H. Sipes was married Nov. 19, 1879, to Mary Golden, daughter of the late William A. Golden, of Freeport, Pa., and of the children born to this union the following survive: Chester Hale, formerly a teacher in the schools of South Buffalo township and at present a member of the Butler bar, and principal of the Renfrew high school; Charles Krauth, also a former teacher of this township, at present employed in the United States Internal Revenue service; Hiram Hill, Jr., formerly a teacher and at present a teacher in the Lutheran Church schools in India, the first layman ever sent out by the mission board of the Lutheran Church; and Barbara, Alameda, Florence, David Golden and John Luther, at home. Two children died, William George in infancy and Alice in 1903.

Mr. Sipes still follows farming on the old homestead place, raising berries and other fine fruits in addition to general crops. He is also a breeder of good stock, horses and cattle being his specialties.

In politics Mr. Sipes is a stanch Democrat, and though the township is Republican has been elected to important local offices. At present he holds the office of assessor. In religion he is of the Lutheran faith, and is a member of St. Matthew's congregation at McVill; he served many years on the official board of the church.

D. O. KAMERER, a farmer of Sugar Creek township, Armstrong county, Pa., was born in Fairview township, Butler county, Pa., April 1, 1875, son of William Kamerer. Daniel Kamerer, his grandfather, was a pioneer of Butler county.

William Kamerer was born in Butler county, where he was reared and educated. During the Civil war he served first for a period of three months as a substitute, and at the expiration of that time reenlisted. Although he was never wounded except in the wrist, he doubtless suffered from exposure and hardships, as he died when only forty-nine years old. After it was organized he joined Chicora Post, G. A. R. In 1866 he married Anna Kinkaid, like himself, a native of Fairview township, and they had twelve children, two daughters who died in childhood, and ten sons, two of whom are deceased. Both William Kamerer and his wife belonged to the Reformed Church. Politically he was a Republican, and he held numerous township offices.

D. O. Kamerer attended school in both Fairview and Sugar Creek townships. When eighteen years old he began working on the home farm in Butler county, and was so successful that he took charge of it and continued to operate it until his marriage, when he was twenty-four years old. At that time he moved to Oakland township, but after five years returned to Fairview township, and for a year was engaged in teaming. He then went to Clarion county, Pa., and for a year conducted a mercantile establishment, but sold to go to Brady's Bend township, Armstrong county, where for three years he conducted a dairy, delivering milk to East Brady. At the expiration of the three years he came to his present 100-acre farm, which is known as the Old Boltz property. Since taking possession of this farm he has erected new buildings and has put the property in excellent shape. He carries on general farming, and is considered one of the advanced agriculturists of his township.

Mr. Kamerer married Lulu Anderson, a daughter of L. M. and Elizabeth (Brown) Anderson, the former a veteran of the Civil war, now residing at Philipston, Clarion county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Kamerer have had the following children: Oran, Helen, Russell, Florence and Alvin. Mr. Kamerer belongs to the Grange at Kaylor and to East Brady Lodge, No. 640, F. & A. M. He and his

wife belong to the English Lutheran Church of Sugar Creek township. Since casting his first vote Mr. Kamerer has been a Republican. For the last two years he has served as a school director.

SLOAN A. ZIMMERMAN, general foreman and lineman for the Kittanning Telephone Company at Rural Valley, was born in Boggs township, Armstrong county, July 12, 1879, son of Daniel J. and Minerva (Hoover) Zimmerman.

Abraham Zimmerman was a pioneer of Boggs township, where he secured wild land which he developed into a valuable property, and there he died. He married Catherine Schrecengost, and they had children as follows: William Hamilton; Daniel J.; Sally, who married Simeon Gibson; and Jackson.

Daniel J. Zimmerman, son of Abraham Zimmerman, was born in Boggs township, where he grew to manhood, becoming a farmer. In 1908 he moved to Kittanning borough and embarked in the insurance business, thus continuing until his death there, in August, 1911, at the age of fifty-six years. His children were as follows: Annie, who married John Best; Sloan A.; Albert, who is deceased; Orve; Phebe; Rose, who married Homer Rupp; Mary; and Harry.

The maternal grandfather of Sloan A. Zimmerman, Anthony Hoover, was also a very early settler in Boggs township, and later on in life migrated to Manor township, which is still his home.

Sloan A. Zimmerman, son of Daniel J. Zimmerman, was brought up in Boggs township, and attended public schools there. Remaining with his father until he reached the age of twenty-one years, he then spent a couple of years digging oil and gas wells, and in 1906 associated himself with the Kittanning Telephone Company, being now general foreman and lineman of that concern, with headquarters at Rural Valley.

In January, 1905, Mr. Zimmerman married Anna Sowers, a daughter of Andrew and Eliza (Hill) Sowers, of Valley township. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman are Earl and Marie. Mr. Zimmerman is an Odd Fellow. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, but he has never aspired to public office.

LEVI STEPP, proprietor of the "Stepp House," at Worthington, Armstrong county, and a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Butler county, Pa., Jan. 9, 1842, son of Michael and Catherine (Heckert) Stepp.

Michael Stepp and his wife were both born in Pennsylvania and before coming to Armstrong county, in 1859, lived in Butler county. He was a farmer, and owned the tract of sixty-seven acres in North Buffalo township on which he died in 1874, in his seventy-eighth year. He married Catherine Heckert and they had thirteen children, eleven of whom grew to maturity, as follows: John, who died in his twenty-first year; Peter, who died aged sixty-seven years; Michael, who lives in Butler county; Benjamin, who is deceased; Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of Abraham Boyd; George, who lives at Kittanning; Margaret, who is deceased; Lovina, who married Evans Chritchlow, of Indiana; Malinda, deceased, who was the wife of Thomas Hoak; William H. H., who was first lieutenant of Company B, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in the Civil war, now deceased; Levi; and two children who died in infancy.

Levi Stepp was seventeen years of age when he moved with his parents from Butler to Armstrong county, and here he enlisted for service in the Civil war, on Sept. 11, 1861, entering Company K, 78th Pennyslvania Volunteer Infantry, as a private. He served out his first term of enlistment, and in December, 1863, reenlisted as a veteran. He was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 11, 1865, and was mustered out with the rank of second sergeant. He saw hard service and took part in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Buzzard's Roost, Dalton, Resaca, Burnt Hickory, New Hope Church, Altoona Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, Pulaski, Florence, Green River, Neeley's Bend, Hoover's Gap, Lavergne, Tullahoma, Dry Gap and Chattanooga, as well as many minor engagements. He escaped without injury of any kind. After he returned to Armstrong county he learned the blacksmith's trade at Slate Lick, in South Buffalo township, and followed the same for twenty-eight years at Slate Lick and Worthington, locating in the latter place in the spring of 1885. For ten years he continued in the blacksmith business here, in 1895 entering the employ of Peter Graff & Co. Since the fall of 1891 he has conducted the "Stepp House," which is the leading hotel at Worthington.

On July 15, 1869, Mr. Stepp was married to Mary C. Ferry, a daughter of John and Harriet (McCamish) Ferry, and a granddaughter of John and Catherine (McGinley) Ferry. Mr. and Mrs. Stepp have had the fol-

lowing children: Harry J., Maud (deceased), Ralph H., Dora (deceased), Arthur, Dell, Hallie A. (deceased), Annabelle, Jessie L. (deceased), and Grace R. Mr. Stepp and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church at Worthington. In politics he is a Republican and has served on the school board and as councilman, and in 1910 was elected burgess of the borough.

FERRY. John Ferry, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Stepp, was born in Ireland, and was one of the pioneer settlers in Butler county, Pa., where he cleared land, developed a farm and died. His wife was Catherine McGinley, also of Irish extraction.

John Ferry, son of John, and father of Mrs. Stepp, was born in Butler county. In 1862 he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company C, 139th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and died while in the army, in 1863, a victim of typhoid fever, when but thirty-two years of age. He married Harriet McCamish, who was born in Armstrong county, and lived to the age of eighty-one years, her death occurring March 6, 1906. She was a daughter of Thomas and Barbara (Painter) McCamish, the former of whom was born in Scotland and came very early to Armstrong county.

GEORGE F. HARTMAN, of Bethel township, Armstrong county, is one of the successful farmers of his neighborhood, and by his industrious and honorable life has won good standing among his fellow citizens there. He was born Feb. 15, 1856, in Manor township, this county, son of David A. and Susanna (Roley) Hartman, of that township, who had a family of four children, three sons and one daughter, namely: George F., Albert, Levy, and Lucinda (who was drowned when a girl). For his second wife David A. Hartman married Mrs. Susanna Armour, by whom he had two sons and three daughters. By occupation he was a miller and farmer.

George F. Hartman grew to manhood in Manor township and there received his education in the public schools. He learned to make grain cradles, and followed that work for several years. For many years past he has followed farming and carpentering, and he is well known in Bethel township, where he has a nice property under good cultivation. He is a hard worker, and is deservedly prosperous, and he and his family are highly respected by all who know them. On Feb. 17, 1876, Mr. Hartman married Sarah Boyd, of Bethel township, who was born Sept. 28, 1854, and to their union have been born the following children: Harry E., born Jan. 1, 1877, married Lizzie Householder and lives in Ford City, Armstrong county; Della Bertha, born Dec. 2, 1879, is the widow of Samuel Glenn and lives in Kittanning with her three children; Edward married Effie Goldinger and has a family (he is employed by the Logansport Distillery Company); Minnie F., born Feb. 18, 1882, is unmarried; Mary Myrtle, born Sept. 24, 1883, is the wife of Philip Bortz and has three children (they live at Darts Run); Rev. George Walter, born Oct. 3, 1888, is a graduate of the theological seminary at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county; Shields F., born Feb. 7, 1892; Mabel V., born Dec. 19, 1895, and Homer F., born Feb. 26, 1900, are at home; three died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman attend the Homewood Baptist Church, of which they are members.

Samuel Boyd, Mrs. Hartman's father, was born in North Buffalo township, Armstrong county, son of Robert and Sarah (Beale) Boyd, who were natives of Westmoreland county, Pa. He married Delilah Claypool, daughter of James Claypool, of North Buffalo township, who was a native of North Buffalo township, where he lived and died; his wife was Sarah White. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Boyd lived in Bethel township.

DAVID S. ROBERTS, a miller of South Bethlehem, Pa., is of Welsh and German descent. He was born March 3, 1845, son of John and Mary Ann (Weckerly) Roberts.

John Roberts was a resident of Red Bank township, and his death occurred in early life, in 1845. His wife was Mary Ann Weckerly, and their only child was David S. The widow married (second) John Bowersox, of Clarion county.

David S. Roberts was born in Red Bank township, Armstrong county, where he was reared, and educated in the common schools. He enlisted for service in the Civil war in February, 1863, becoming a private in Company C, 105th Regiment, P. V. I., known as the "Wildcat Regiment," and in May, 1864, took part in the battle of the Wilderness, where he was wounded in his left hand. He was discharged from the service at Baltimore, Md., in November, 1865, after one year and nine months' active service. He then returned to the farm, and since 1866 has followed the vocation of milling, which business he learned at Greenville, Clarion Co., Pa. Since 1885 he has been employed in what is now known as the Red Bank Flour-

ing Mill, at South Bethlehem, where he resides. Mr. Roberts' life has been one well worth living, for not only has he given excellent service to his country, but he has been a good citizen and given his best efforts toward the interest of his township and its people. He served as member of the council of South Bethlehem for sixteen years.

In January, 1866, Mr. Roberts married Catherine, daughter of John and Sophia (Bowersox) Null, of Clarion county, and by her had three children, as follows: Minnie, deceased wife of Curtis Etter; Mary A., deceased wife of John R. Himes; and Sophia, wife of Daniel Anderson, of Redlands, Cal. Mr. Roberts is a member of the M. E. Church. In politics he is a Republican.

J. TOMER ISEMAN, a farmer of Manor township, was born Jan. 20, 1871, at Kittanning, Pa., son of Jacob and Sarah (Gallaher) Iseman, and grandson of Jacob Iseman.

Jacob Iseman married Barbara Hallabaugh, and became the owner of the farm now owned by his grandson, J. Tomer Iseman. His children were: Elizabeth, wife of John Walker; Harrison; John; Stephen; Catherine, who died young; Andrew; Hannah, wife of David Stitt; Jacob; and Jane, wife of Daniel Gallaher. Jacob Iseman died in December, 1882, several years after his wife's death. Both were members of the Lutheran Church.

Jacob Iseman was educated in the public schools of his district, and in addition to farming worked as a carpenter. He served his township as assessor and school director. Four children were born to him: John; Mary, wife of Marlin Stitt; Frank, and J. Tomer. The father of this family died June 10, 1896, the mother July 31, 1890. They were members of the Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Iseman had served several years as deacon.

J. Tomer Iseman was brought up on the farm, working for his father while attending district school. Like his father, he has been active in politics, and has served as supervisor and school director. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Americans and Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, of which he has been deacon.

On Jan. 23, 1901, Mr. Iseman married Gertrude Heilman, daughter of John and Ellen Heilman, of Manor township. Mr. and Mrs. Iseman have four children: Eleanor, Frank, Richard and Elizabeth.

JULIUS STEINER, of Ford City, is one of the younger business men of that borough, and though he has lived there only a little over three years he has become one of its most respected residents and has substantial standing among his fellow citizens. He was born June 11, 1882, in Klenocz, Hungary.

Aaron Steiner, his father, was a merchant of Klenocz. In 1900 he came to America with his family, locating at Arnold, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where he opened a general store and where he has since continued to live. He married Regina Gseidt, of Klenocz, and they have a family of eight children: Simon owns a meat market at New Kensington, Pa.; Julius is mentioned below; Joseph lives at New Kensington, Pa., where he has a foreign exchange, selling steamboat tickets, acting as notary public, etc.; Lewis owns the Central Meat Market at New Kensington, Pa.; Alexander is proprietor of the Arnold Meat Market at New Kensington, Pa.; Emil is attending the East Liberty Academy at Pittsburgh; Lina is the wife of Leopold Wolleck, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rosie is the wife of Eugene Lednizki, of New Kensington.

Julius Steiner graduated in 1900 from the commercial college at Kesmark, Hungary. He served one year as a volunteer in the Hungarian army, being sergeant in the 32d Regiment, and for some time was ticket agent at Delnice, Hungary, for the Hungarian State Railroad Company. In 1904 he came to America, locating first at Duquesne, Pa., and took charge of the foreign department of the American Savings & Trust Company, remaining there until 1909. He then went to Pittsburgh, where he took a position as bookkeeper in the foreign exchange department of the Mellon National Bank. On Jan. 1, 1910, he settled at Ford City and started his present business, having a foreign exchange, selling steamboat tickets, acting as notary public, etc. He is associated with his brother Simon, the firm being known as Steiner Brothers. Mr. Steiner is also local agent for the Equitable Insurance Company. He is well prepared for the transaction of the business of many kinds that comes to him, being able to speak the Hungarian, Slavic, Polish, Croatian, Russian, German, English, and Bohemian. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Silver Lodge, No. 382, Ford City, and the Eagles (at Ford City), and has many friends in those bodies.

On Oct. 6, 1906, Mr. Steiner was married in New York City to Emma Friedman, of

Brooklyn, N. Y., and they have two children, Stella and Edward.

S. B. ALLSHOUSE, truck farmer of Kiskiminetas township, was born Jan. 6, 1862, in South Bend township, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of Jacob and Caroline (Saltsgiver) Allshouse.

Jacob Allshouse, his grandfather, came to Westmoreland county, Pa., in an early day, settling in what is now South Bend township, before Armstrong county was taken from Westmoreland county. He bought land on which he remained until his death. Jacob Allshouse was a highly educated man, and taught school during his earlier years. His fellow citizens showed their appreciation of his ability by sending him to represent them in the State Assembly, and he was always a man of consequence in his community.

Jacob Allshouse, son of Jacob, and father of S. B., had a family of five sons and five daughters, of whom S. B. was fifth in the order of birth. A native of Pennsylvania, as was his wife, he spent his life in this State. He received an excellent education, and growing up on the farm devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, meeting with success as a general farmer. He died in 1899, firm in the belief of the Reformed Church, of which he was a member. His wife passed away in 1892. Politically he was a Democrat, and always prominent in his community.

S. B. Allshouse attended the common schools of his neighborhood until eighteen years old, when he began working as a laborer on a farm, thus continuing for two years. Then he embarked in a huckster business, forming a partnership with W. G. King under the firm name of King & Allshouse. Mr. Allshouse in 1891 bought the farm he now resides on, two miles north of Salina, where he grows all kinds of vegetables and fruits, also carrying on general farming. The family residence is a beautiful one, containing ten rooms, supplied with hot and cold water, and Mr. Allshouse has a six-room tenant house near his own for hired help. In addition to his other interests he is a dealer in and manufacturer's agent for all kinds of agricultural implements, supplying everything needed for farming purposes, and has built up a large business in this line. A public-spirited man, he holds the confidence and respect of the community.

On Oct. 5, 1887, Mr. Allshouse was married in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Olive Margaret Ringer. Seven children have been born of this union: Arthur R., Oscar C., Charles C., Josiah D., Margaret and Merrill, twins, and one that died in infancy.

LEWIS GEORGE, farmer, of Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, was born Sept. 1, 1846, in Burrell township, this county, son of Leonard and Sarah (Gonaware) George. He comes of Pennsylvania German stock on both sides, his father born Feb. 17, 1801, in eastern Pennsylvania, his mother, May 29, 1806, in Westmoreland county. He died Nov. 29, 1860, she on March 18, 1878. They were married Jan. 13, 1825, and had a family of twelve children, namely: Jacob, born in 1826, who died in 1904; Philip, born in 1828, who died in 1900; William, born in 1830; John, born in 1832; Peter, born in 1834, who died in 1911; Margaret, born in 1836; Josiah, born in 1838; Samuel, born in 1840, who died in 1911; Sarah and Catherine, twins, born in 1842; Susanna, born in 1844, who died in 1906; and Lewis, born Sept. 1, 1846.

Lewis George grew up in Burrell township and received his education there. He has always followed farming. During the Civil war he became a member of the 6th Heavy Artillery, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served ten months, being honorably discharged in 1865; he belonged to Battery B, under Captain Brown and Colonel Barnes. Mr. George is a respected citizen of Plum Creek township, which he has served officially as overseer for four years. In political connection he is a Democrat. He attends the Methodist Church.

On Feb. 8, 1866, Mr. George married Rachel Rearick, daughter of Isaac Rearick, of Armstrong county, and ten children were born to them, viz.: Arabelle married Frank Harklerode, of Armstrong county; Mary Agnes married Christ Harklerode and they have six children; Joseph E., of Plum Creek township, married Lizzie Reefer, and they have nine children; Margaret married Alexander Cochran, of Plum Creek township, and they have four children; Rosa married Flem Bell, of Wick City, Pa., and has four children; Mertie is deceased; Barbine E. married Wilson Reefer, of Plum Creek township, and they have six children; Harris married Ida Fisher, of Plum Creek township, and has six children; Clarence A. married Mary Lookhart and has one child (they live in Iselin, Indiana Co., Pa.); Everett R.,

who lives at Green Oak, Armstrong county, married Dorothy Campbell and has one child. There are four great-grandchildren.

EDWIN L. DIVELY, an attorney at law until recently located at Apollo, was born April 22, 1878, in Altoona, Pa., a son of A. V. and Mollie (Shoenfelt) Dively. The father is a well-known lawyer in active practice at Altoona.

The original ancestor of the Dively family in America came from Switzerland, and of the Shoenfelt family from Germany.

Edwin L. Dively attended the common schools of his native place and Mercersberg College, in Franklin county, Pa., taking a three years' course in the latter institution. Having read law in his father's office Mr. Dively entered the Dickinson Law School, at Carlisle, Pa., in 1901, and was graduated therefrom in 1903, with the degree of LL. B. In 1904 Mr. Dively began the practice of law in Blair county, Pa., remaining there until 1909, when he came to Apollo, from which borough he recently returned to Altoona. Mr. Dively was the only attorney at Apollo and controlled the legal business of the community. For some time he acted as attorney for the borough. Prominent in secret organizations, Mr. Dively belongs to the Elks, Eagles and L. O. O. M., being one of the organizers of the local lodge of the last named order, which he has served as secretary. The Democratic party has in him a strong adherent.

Mr. Dively was married Sept. 1, 1905, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Miss Ray Moore.

Mr. Dively's practice is not confined to the local courts, for in 1909 he was admitted to practice in the Supreme court of Pennsylvania, and has handled some important cases before that body.

ALFRED SHOOP, local superintendent of the American Natural Gas Company's Armstrong county division, was born in Ford City, this county, Aug. 7, 1876, at a time when there were but three houses in Ford City, one belonging to his parents, Francis and Rebecca (Wilson) Shoop. His paternal grandfather was one of the early settlers at Manorville, this county, where he died. He had been for many years a boatman on the Allegheny river. He was twice married.

Francis Shoop, father of Alfred Shoop, was born in Armstrong county in 1844, and was well known as an agriculturist and gas man. His death occurred in 1905. Of his eight children five only survive: Alfred; Olive, who married Emery Klingensmith; Rosalie, who married Otto Myers; Walter and Lawrence.

Alfred Shoop as reared to manhood's estate in Bethel township, and attended the schools of his locality until he was fifteen years old, at which time he entered the employ of Jones & Laughlin, of Pittsburgh, as a mill hand. For six years he gave this concern faithful service, and in 1897 he became associated with gas interests, leasing and superintending the gas territory. In 1900 he entered the employ of the American Natural Gas Company, and in 1905 his duties brought him to Rural Valley, where he has since resided.

Mr. Shoop married Salome Bowser, a daughter of Frederick Bowser, of North Buffalo township, and they have six children: Raymond J., Francis F., William A., Margaret R., John B. and Josephine E. Mr. Shoop belongs to the Lutheran Church and gives it generous support. Politically he is a Republican.

He is proud of the fact that his father served during the Civil war, for a period of three years, as a member of the 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Col. William Sirwell. A conscientious man, Mr. Shoop realizes the responsibilities devolving upon him and lives up to them, giving his company faithful service that is highly appreciated.

JOHN A. BALSIGER, sheet roller in the great works of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, at Leechburg, was born April 6, 1870, in Madison township, Armstrong county, Pa., son of George A. Balsiger and grandson of Samuel Balsiger. His great-grandfather was born in Germany, and after emigrating with his family to America settled first in Kentucky, from there moving to Ohio, and later in life coming to what is now Madison township, Armstrong county.

Samuel Balsiger was born in Germany, and was nine years old when he accompanied his parents to the United States. He succeeded to the ownership of his father's farm of over 100 acres in Madison township, and continued to live there until the close of his life, his death occurring in 1891, at the age of seventy-seven years. He was buried in the Kellersburg cemetery, in Madison township. He had children as follows: John, who was a soldier in the Civil war, now living at Butler, Pa.; George A.; Samuel E., who resides in Illinois; J. L., of

New Kensington, Pa.; Annie, who married Jonathan Keller; Sarah, who married Henry Keller; and William, who died on the old homestead.

George A. Balsiger, son of Samuel and father of John A., was born in December, 1846, in Madison township, and grew to manhood on the home farm, where he resided until his death, Aug. 4, 1912. He was one of the leading men of Madison township and served in almost all of the local offices, having been school director, supervisor and auditor, elected to these offices on the Republican ticket. He was one of the ruling elders of the Presbyterian Church. George A. Balsiger married Susan J. Shoemaker, daughter of John Shoemaker, originally of Lebanon county, but later of Armstrong county, and three children were born to them: John A.; Mary R., wife of O. C. Meredith; and William, a farmer in Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county.

John A. Balsiger attended public school in Madison township and the Clarion Normal School, and afterward taught school in his native township for five years. In April, 1895, he came to Leechburg and entered the Kirkpatrick & Co. rolling mill, which is now a part of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company's plant, and has worked up to the position of sheet roller, an important and responsible one, in which he has served since 1901.

On Apirl 6, 1892, Mr. Balsiger was married to Rosella Collingwood, daughter of Clinton Collingwood. This family is of English extraction. Mr. and Mrs. Balsiger have six children, namely: Nellie A., Mary E., Hazel J., G. De Witt, Elinor M. and John A., Jr. Mr. Balsizer owns his comfortable residence on Main street. He is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian Church. Politically he is a Republican.

MARTIN LUTHER RUPERT, constable of Burrell township, Armstrong county, was born there Sept. 2, 1847, son of Frederick Rupert, and grandson of Peter Rupert, who settled on the farm where his grandson Martin L. Rupert now lives in 1839. The great-grandfather was the first of the Rupert family to own this property.

Frederick Rupert was born in Burrell township, May 9, 1807, and died in 1885. He followed farming there, and for over twenty years conducted a tannery. He married Rachel Crum, a native of Bethel township, this county, born May 10, 1810, who survived him, dying in 1890. Their family consisted of eight children, five sons and three daughters: Franklin, died when two or three years old; Lavina, died when a little girl; Diana, deceased, was the wife of David P. Crawford; Aaron, who lives at Ford City, married Hannah Spang, and they have eleven children; Simon, who lives in Manor township, this county, married Harriet Knepshield, and they have eight children, four sons and four daughters; Mary Ann, born Sept. 2, 1847, died March 26, 1875; Martin Luther, twin of Mary Ann, is mentioned below; James P., who lives at Salina, Pa., married Louise Schaeffer, and they have two sons and four daughters.

Martin Luther Rupert, son of Frederick, was named after the great reformer. He grew to maturity in Burrell township, and has been engaged in farming there, owning the old place of 120 acres which has come down to him from his great-grandfather. He is a man in whom his fellow citizens have shown confidence, having chosen him to several positions of trust, the duties of which he has discharged faithfully; he was school director two years and is at present serving as constable, and he is well and favorably known throughout the township. In politics he is connected with the Democratic party.

On April 25, 1872, Mr. Rupert was married, in Plum Creek township, to Margaret Dunmire, who died April 5, 1885, the mother of four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Iris D., who died in childhood; Sloan T., who married Lizzie Cochran and lives in Vandergrift, Pa.; Joseph E., who married Anna Nair, and lives in Leechburg, Pa.; and Mary Rachel, who married Louis Knell and died leaving four children. Mr. Rupert's second marriage, which took place in 1885, was to Sarah Jane Reefer, of Plum Creek township, by whom he has had six children: Edna Maud, born May 26, 1886, who lives at Leechburg; Elsie Lavina, born March 13, 1888, who is at Vandergrift; Flora Elda, born May 2, 1890, who is at Leechburg; Grace, born Dec. 14, 1893, who is at home; Martin Paul, born Sept. 26, 1897; and Clarence Delbert, born April 8, 1909. The Ruperts are members of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, the Brick Church.

WALLACE H. CROUCH, merchant, residing at Rural Valley, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born May 17, 1854, at Dayton, this county, son of Dr. Joseph R. Crouch.

Dr. Joseph R. Crouch was born in Washington county, Pa., where his father lived; the latter died in Armstrong county. After completing his medical education at Cincin-

nati, Dr. Crouch settled at Rural Valley, prior to the Civil war, shortly afterward removing to Dayton, where he engaged in medical practice until the close of his life, his death occurring in 1882; he was buried in the Glade Run cemetery. He married Frances B. Smith, a daughter of J. A. and Martha (Wallace) Smith, and two sons were born to them, Daniel O. and Wallace H.

Wallace H. Crouch attended the public schools and the Glade Run Academy, and afterward was associated with his father in the drug business, first at Dayton, later for four years at Worthington, three years at Butler and four years at McKees Rocks and prior to locating at Rural Valley was clerk in a business house at Pittsburgh for three years. In 1903 he embarked in the drug and store business at Rural Valley, and for one year was in partnership with James Truby, after which he opened his present restaurant and grocery store. He is one of the representative business men of the place.

Mr. Crouch married Mary M. Beck, daughter of Frederick Beck, Esq., who, for many years was a justice of the peace at Worthington, Pa. He married Servilla Schrecongost, daughter of Jacob Schrecongost, and they had the following children: Charles, Edward and James, all of whom are deceased; William, who lives at Kittanning; Annie, who is the wife of L. A. Burrell; Mary M., who is the wife of Wallace H. Crouch; Joseph J., who lives at Youngstown, Ohio; Sadie, who is the wife of L. L. Weaver; Flora, wife of J. F. Brown; and Frank, who lives at Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Crouch have no children. They attend the Lutheran Church. Politically he is a Republican, and has served acceptably in public office.

WILLIAM M. WALKER, engineer, whose home is in Bethel township, Armstrong county, was born in this county, in Manor township, Jan. 3, 1878, son of Samuel and Mary J. (King) Walker. His grandfather, Alexander Walker, was of Irish descent.

Samuel Walker was born March 8, 1856, in Manor township, where he still resides. He married Mary J. King, whose father, Matthias King, also lives in Manor township; the latter married Margaret Campbell, who was born in Ireland and was but two years old when brought to this country by her parents. Mrs. Mary J. (King) Walker died in 1897, at the age of thirty-six years. She was the mother of three children, one son and two daughters: William M.; Dora E. (now—1913—twenty-one years old) and Mary (now nineteen).

William M. Walker was born on the homestead farm of his father in Manor township and there received his education, attending school winters. After he attained his majority he began to work as fireman for the Pittsburgh & Buffalo Coal Company at White Rock, in Bethel township, this county, later became an engineer, and served there two years in that capacity before he took his present position, with the Raridan & East Brady Coal Company, of Logansport, in whose employ he has been for the last six years.

On Jan. 5, 1906, Mr. William M. Walker married Carrie Bolte, of Pittsburgh, whose parents, Henry and Caroline (Smith) Bolte, were natives of Germany, and came to the United States in 1866; their family consisted of three children, Joseph, Carrie and Willie, the last named dying, aged thirteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have three children, Mary, Henry S. and Frank William.

Mr. Walker has taken some part in local public matters, at present serving as tax collector. Fraternally he is a Mason, holding membership in Leechburg Lodge, No. 577, and also belongs to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Kelly Station and encampment at Leechburg; he is a past officer of the Odd Fellows, and has attended the Grand Lodge. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church at Crooked Creek. Mr. Walker is a useful citizen and a thoroughly respected man in his community.

JOHN A. DICKSON, sheet roller in the plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, at Leechburg, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born May 17, 1870, in Indiana county, Pa., son of Benjamin Dickson, and a grandson of Thomas Dickson.

Thomas Dickson spent his life in Indiana county, Pa., where he followed the trade of stonemason and also engaged in farming. He had four sons: Samuel, James, and Benjamin and George, twins. George died when fourteen years old.

Benjamin Dickson, son of Thomas and father of John A. Dickson, was born in Indiana county. He was reared on the home farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits during a part of his life, was also a coal miner in Butler county, and worked at lumbering. His present residence is Butler, Pa., and he is keeper of the tollgate on the Butler

plank road. He married Elizabeth Gamble, who died in 1885, and they had two children, John A. and Mary, who married John Conley and lives at Butler, Pa. The mother was a daughter of John Gamble.

John A. Dickson attended the common schools in Butler township, Butler county, and afterward worked on the home farm and as a coal miner until 1893, when he came to Leechburg, finding employment in the Kirkpatrick mill, which was absorbed by the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company. Mr. Dickson worked his way up from the bottom to his present responsible position of a roller, which he has filled since 1898. He is a competent workman and a practical and prudent business man. In 1896 he erected his present residence, and in 1910 built a fine double house on other property, besides which he has still another house at Leechburg and one at Butler, Pennsylvania.

On Nov. 25, 1892, Mr. Dickson was married to Leona Simpson, daughter of Thomas Simpson, of New Castle, Pa., and they have eight children: Benjamin C., A. Warren, Ernest, L. Josephine, Calvin E., Johnwendle, Paul K. F. and M. Vivian. Mr. Dickson and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he is a Republican.

GEORGE J. ZEIS, the popular proprietor of the "Hotel Rebolt," at Rimerton, Armstrong county, was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 1, 1884, son of George and Elizabeth B. (Feth) Zeis.

George Zeis, the father, was a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and came to the United States in 1870. He located first in Pittsburgh, where he followed his trade of wagonmaker and blacksmith. He embarked in business for himself and conducted it with marked success until 1886, when he went to Harmarville, Allegheny county, and engaged in the hotel business. Later he took up farming near Jeannette, following that until 1892, when he again went into the hotel business, at New Kensington. A year later he moved to Lower Burrell township, Westmoreland county, and here his death occurred April 30, 1899, when he was forty-nine years old. Mr. Zeis married Elizabeth B. Feth, and their children were: Mary, wife of Andrew Kautzman; Annie, wife of Robert Verzinski; Katie, wife of Charles Dearborn; George J.; Frederick W.; and Emma, wife of William Keopp.

George J. Zeis was reared in Westmoreland county, and received his educational training in the public schools. He learned the brewer's trade at New Kensington, but in 1909 engaged in butchering at that place, conducting a meat market there until 1910. At this time he purchased the hotel property at Rimerton, which he has since conducted successfully. He is courteous and considerate, making a special effort to please his patrons, and he has become respected and most popular among all those who have come to know him.

On Nov. 12, 1904, Mr. Zeis married Minnie, daughter of Fred and Augusta (Miller) Stemmler, of Natrona, Pa., and they are the parents of three children, Margaret, Elnora and George F. Mr. Zeis is progressive and takes a deep interest in all public affairs, though he has held no office. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

SAVERIO CAPANO, general merchant and notary public at Rural Valley, Pa., was born in San Donato, Ninea, Italy, Oct. 16, 1871, son of Dominic and Anna Maria (Martino) Capano.

Until he was thirteen years old Saverio Capano lived in his native place, and attended the schools of his neighborhood. At that time he came to the United States and secured employment on railroad construction, and later at other work in different parts of Pennsylvania until 1889. As opportunity offered he attended school to learn the English language, in Philadelphia, Clearfield and Bellefonte, Pa. In 1891 he returned to Italy, and remained there until 1894, when he came back to Pennsylvania and resumed railroad work. In 1899 he located in Rural Valley, Pa., and embarked in the general merchandise business, in which he has been eminently successful. In 1905 he was made a notary public, and he is still holding that office.

On Jan. 20, 1894, Mr. Capano was married to Filomena Iannuzzi, daughter of Vincent and Clementina (Esposito) Iannuzzi. Mr. and Mrs. Capano have seven children, namely: Domenica, Anna, James, Emily, Ernestina, Henrietta and Oreste. Mr. Capano is the pioneer Italian merchant of Rural Valley, and he is popular with all the people, as well as with those of his own nationality. He and his family belong to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Yatesboro, Pa. He belongs to Rural Valley Lodge, No. 766, I. O. O. F. Politically he is a Republican, but aside from being a notary public, he has not sought office.

PAUL P. LIBARAKIS, who has the leading confectionery establishment in Kittanning, is one of the younger business men of that place, but by industry and attention to his affairs he has already made a good start in life. He was born Jan. 21, 1884, at Sparta, Greece, son of Peter and Contillo (Benekas) Libarakis, the latter a daughter of Athanasias Benekas. His paternal grandparents were Harry and Marie (Surafos) Libarakis.

Mr. Libarakis left his native country when sixteen years old, coming to America with an uncle. For a year and a half he lived at Olean, in New York State, from there going to Jamestown, N. Y., where he was located four months. He then went to Salamanca, N. Y., where he remained for a year and a half, thence removing to Jeannette, Westmoreland Co., Pa. He was there for two years, after which he spent one year in Pittsburgh before coming to Kittanning, Armstrong county, where he has since made his home. He at once engaged in the confectionery business, and he has built up one of the reliable enterprises of the borough, having not only thorough training for his line but aptitude and taste. His store is always neat and attractively arranged, he has one of the best equipped soda fountains and ice cream parlors in western Pennsylvania, and his place is conducted on model lines. It has been well patronized from the start, and he has held his customers by ready service and reliable goods.

On Nov. 10, 1907, Mr. Libarakis married Edna Wolfe, of Kittanning, daughter of Henry and Mary (Weaver) Wolfe, and they have one child, Paul, born June 9, 1909.

In fraternal connection Mr. Libarakis is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Heptasophs, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Order of Moose.

CARLO BRUNO, general merchant and butcher of Rural Valley, was born in Longobard (Lombardy), Italy, Jan. 15, 1860, a son of Vincenzo and Rosa (Provinzana) Bruno.

In 1888 Mr. Bruno came to the United States, and for the next eight years worked as a laborer on railroads and in the mines, during that period saving his money thriftily, so that in 1896 he was able to embark in business as a butcher at Walston, Jefferson Co., Pa. For four years he did a good business at this point, and then sold to come to Rural Valley, Armstrong Co., Pa. Here he established himself as a butcher and general merchant and his progress shows that he was wise in making the change. Although he is one of the pioneer Italian merchants of the valley, his trade is not confined to those of his own nationality, his store being liberally patronized by all the people in the neighborhood.

On Jan. 29, 1895, Mr. Bruno was married to Josephine Pellegrino, daughter of Frank and Francisca Pellegrino of Castiglione Marittimo, Italy. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruno, Vincenzo and Carmino. Mr. Bruno and his family belong to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at Yatesboro. He is a member of St. Joseph's Society, and is an excellent representative of the substantial class of Italians who have settled in this county and developed into such reliable business men. Politically Mr. Bruno is a Republican, but he has never sought office.

MICHAEL RAYMOND, retired business man, residing at Leechburg, Armstrong county, was born Jan. 18, 1859, about three hundred miles distant from the city of Rome, in Italy. The place in which he was born was a fishing village, and he became a fisherman and continued as such until he came to America.

In January, 1888, with his wife and eldest son, Daniel, Mr. Raymond reached the harbor of New York, and from there came directly to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he engaged in the fruit business for a short time. He then went to Omaha, Nebr., but three months later returned to Pennsylvania. For some four months he resided at Oil City and then came to Leechburg, where he embarked in the fruit and produce business and continued from 1889 until his retirement, in 1911. Mr. Raymond proved an excellent business man, and through his energy, prudence and good judgment acquired a comfortable competency. He is the owner of valuable real estate at Leechburg. He was married in Italy to Phillipe Bordnord.

Daniel Raymond was born in Italy in 1887 and was brought to America by his parents. He obtained his education in the public schools of Leechburg and afterward assisted his father. When he first left home he was employed for three years in the Pittsburgh Shovel Works, and then worked for one year in the steel mill at Leechburg, afterward for three years being employed in a billiard hall. At the end of that time he

learned the barber's trade and since then has given his entire time to his patrons, having a first-class, well appointed shop on Market street, Leechburg.

Mr. Raymond married Rosa Smith, daughter of Andrew Smith. Like his father he is a Republican, the former having been naturalized and made an American citizen in 1899, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JOHN JACOB BORGER, brewmaster at the Elk Brewery of Kittanning, was born Feb. 27, 1877, in Germany, son of John Jacob and Julia (Wendel) Borger.

John Jacob Borger, father of John Jacob Borger, Jr., was a native of Germany who came to the United States in young manhood, remaining here for several years before he returned to his native land. There he married, and remained until his son John Jacob was nine years old. The father then decided upon again trying his fortune in the New World, and brought his family to Cleveland, Ohio, arriving there in 1886. For a time he worked on a railroad, and then engaged in the liquor business.

John Jacob Borger, Jr., attended the public schools of Cleveland, and a business college of that city. Following this he learned the trade of brewing, in various places, accumulating much useful information, which he has since found very valuable. Wishing to perfect himself in his line of endeavor, he went to Chicago, where he attended the Institute of Fermentology, where brewing is taught as an art. In 1900 he was graduated from this institution, and returning to Pennsylvania accepted a position as brewmaster in a brewery at New Kensington. In 1903 he was made brewmaster of the Elk Brewery at Kittanning, and has since proved his fitness to discharge the duties of his important position. He is a member of the United States Brewmasters' Association. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows, the Moose, and the B. P. O. Elks.

In 1901 Mr. Borger was united in marriage with Julia Spahlinger, daughter of C. F. Spahlinger, of Cleveland, Ohio. Two children have been born of this marriage, Valetta A. J. and John Jacob.

STEPHEN H. CHRISTY, a farmer of Manor township, Armstrong county, was born on the old Christy homestead there Feb. 10, 1848, son of John and Sarah Ann (Ross) Christy.

Stephen H. Christy was educated in the schools of Manor township and at the Murphy school in Rosston, Pa. From boyhood he worked on the farm, and learned the details of its work thoroughly. With the exception of eight years he has spent his life in agricultural pursuits, for two years having been engaged with a mercantile venture at Rosston, and for six years conducting a furniture and house furnishing business at Wilkinsburg, Pa. He disposed of his interests therein, however, to resume farming. Understanding his work intelligently, he has been able to pursue it systematically and profitably. He is interested in educational matters, and has served his township capably as school director.

In 1876 Mr. Christy was married to Isabella Wilson, of New Castle, Pa., daughter of Johnson Wilson. Three children were born of this marriage: Jennie H., wife of Robert Murdock; George W., who died at the age of twenty-three years; and Roy, who died in infancy. Mrs. Christy passed away in April, 1891. In 1893 Mr. Christy married (second) Mrs. Emma (Hill) Dickson, daughter of William Hill, of Pittsburgh, and widow of Edwin Dickson. Mr. and Mrs. Christy are members of the Presbyterian Church, which he has served as elder, and he has also been superintendent of the Sunday school, being strongly interested in promoting religious work and enterprises.

GEORGE W. COOK, stock dealer and capitalist, Leechburg, Pa., was born in Allegheny county, Pa., June 5, 1855, son of John and Sophia (Garrard) Cook. The parents were born in England and married in that country, and came to America on their wedding trip. After landing at New York they came to Pennsylvania and located on the Ross estate, near Pittsburgh, and lived on one farm for fifty-five years. At that time this estate owned 1,800 acres, on which land the newer part of the great "Iron City" has been built. John Cook was a successful farmer and stock dealer and continued in the business during all his active life. He lived to be eighty-six, and his wife Sophia to be sixty-six years old. They were both buried in Evergreen cemetery, near Sharpsburg, Pa. They had nine children: Caroline, Mary A., Eliza, John, Charles, George W. and three who died in infancy.

George W. Cook attended school on the present site of Aspinwall, Allegheny Co., Pa. He remained with his father until he was sixteen years of age, when he started out for

himself. For some six years he worked for farmers through Allegheny county and later in Westmoreland county, where he was in the cattle business for ten years. After locating at Leechburg he purchased a livery business which he conducted here for nine years, and after disposing of that bought an undertaking business and engaged for two years in undertaking and funeral directing. After selling out he engaged in farming for his father-in-law, in Westmoreland county, for two years, and then returned to Leechburg and here conducted a meat market for two more years, at the end of that time selling it to his son, Herbert T. Since then Mr. Cook has devoted his time and attention to dealing in stock and has interests in both Armstrong and Westmoreland counties. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' National Bank of Leechburg, and has been one of its directors ever since. In all essentials Mr. Cook is a self-made man.

Mr. Cook was married to Ollie Morrison, daughter of James Morrison, of Westmoreland county, and they have had six children, as follows: Eddie, who is deceased; George C., who is auditor of the Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Cal.; Herbert T., who is in the butcher business at Leechburg, Pa.; Elza, who is deceased; James, who conducts a meat business at Hyde Park, Pa.; and Caroline, who is a student in high school. Mr. Cook and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he is a Republican, and on numerous occasions he has been selected for offices of responsibility. For eight years he has been a member of the town council, and he has also served for three years as director on the poor board.

CHARLES H. HUBER, of Rural Valley, has lived in that borough almost all his life, and is its oldest inhabitant in point of years of residence. He was born Dec. 19, 1845, in Philadelphia, Pa., and is a son of the late Bernard Huber, who settled at what is now Rural Valley, Armstrong county, in 1850.

Bernard Huber was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Nov. 6, 1819, and came to America when he became of age. He was a tailor by trade. After his marriage he located at Lancaster, Pa., where he followed tailoring for a time, and thence removed to Philadelphia, where he lived, in what is now West Philadelphia, until 1850. Coming to Armstrong county, he bought property and in the fall of that year settled at what is now Rural Valley, where he continued to work at his trade. He had served five years in the German army before coming to America, and when the Civil war broke out he enlisted in the support of the Union, becoming a member of Company G, 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and being at once made orderly sergeant. He was ever afterward known as Sergeant Huber. He was with the Army of the Cumberland, and served three years. After his return from the army Mr. Huber lived retired until his death, which occurred in July, 1891. He is buried at Rural Valley. Mr. Huber was always faithful to his military training and continued to take an interest in such matters, was a member of the G. A. R. and took an active part in its work, and was a man highly respected by all who knew him. His wife, Anna B. (Busenger), was born in Germany, July 6, 1810, and came to America with her parents when three years old, the family settling in Harrisburg, Pa. She died at Rural Valley April 23, 1885, aged nearly seventy-five years. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Huber: Elizabeth, born Aug. 14, 1841, died unmarried; Lewis F., born June 13, 1843, served during the Civil war in Company G, 55th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Col. Harry White's Regiment, and died at Beaufort, S. C., Jan. 5, 1863, at the early age of nineteen, while in the service; Charles H. is mentioned below; Joseph B., born May 30, 1848, died at Rural Valley; Anna M., born Nov. 23, 1850, died in childhood.

Charles H. Huber was but four years old when the family settled at what is now Rural Valley, and as previously stated is now the longest resident of that borough. He obtained his education in the local public schools and academy, and then learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed for about thirty years. Meantime he began to study the science of veterinary medicine and surgery, reading by himself, and since 1891 he has been following that profession regularly, being a registered practitioner and one of the most trusted men in his line in this section. He has a large practice, and having the reputation of keeping up to date in everything pertaining to his work stands well among his patrons.

Dr. Huber served as treasurer of Cowanshannock township, and he has always been interested in the public affairs of Rural Valley, his activity at the time the borough was incorporated having been supplemented by many years of service in the council, where he did good work. He served as postmaster

during President Cleveland's second term. He is independent on political issues, voting for the men and measures he likes regardless of the party advocating them. In fact, he has been a public-spirited and all-around useful man in his district, a representative member of a solid old family. The Hubers are Presbyterians in religious connection.

Dr. Huber married Anna J. McFarland, daughter of William B. McFarland, of Cowanshannock township. She died May 28, 1907, and is buried at Rural Valley. Nine children were born to this union, namely: Lewis F., a resident of Rural Valley; Clarence R.; Bertha, who married John F. Neal and lives in Rural Valley; Jessie, who married James Ambrose and lives at Rural Valley; Arthur, who died in infancy; Susan, who died in infancy; Walter, a carriage-maker, of Rural Valley; Herbert and Charles, both of whom are still at home.

Clarence R. Huber, son of Dr. Charles H. Huber, was born Sept. 18, 1874, and has passed all his life at Rural Valley. He learned the carpenter's trade. He served as assistant to his father while the latter was serving as postmaster, and in 1901 was elected justice of the peace, in which capacity he has since served continuously, having been reelected in 1906 and 1911. He is a Democrat in political connection. Mr. Huber was married to Cora Richards, and they have had three children: Annie, who is deceased; John L.; and J. Millard.

SAMUEL M. TURK, postmaster at Parker's Landing, Pa., was born at Black Fox, Clarion Co., Pa., Sept. 30, 1863, son of John and Mary (Marshall) Turk, and grandson of Samuel Turk.

Samuel Turk and his wife, Martha (Thompson) Turk, were born in Ireland and were pioneers in Muddy Creek township, Butler Co., Pa., where they lived for many years.

John Turk, son of Samuel Turk, above, was born in Butler county, Pa. In early manhood he was engaged in teaming for the Black Fox, Brady's Bend and Maple Furnaces. After the excitement over the discovery of oil broke out at Parker City he embarked in the oil business with others in 1869. This venture, for certain reasons, proved a failure, and he became superintendent of leases for other companies for about twelve years. He died in 1902, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, Mary Marshall, was born in Butler county, Pa., daughter of John Marshall and granddaughter of John Marshall. The latter was born in Ireland, of Scotch-Irish parentage, and was a pioneer in Westmoreland county, Pa. He married Catherine Truby, who was of German birth and ancestry.

John Marshall (2), son of John Marshall, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa. He was a cousin of Chief Justice Marshall of the United States Supreme court. John Marshall came very early to Armstrong county and located on the present site of the Second ward, Parker City, and there he lived until his death, at the age of eighty-seven years. He married Charlotte Thome, who died at the age of forty-four years, and their children were as follows: Mary, William, John, Samuel, Elisha, Henry (a Civil war soldier) and Frederick, the survivors being Elisha and Mary, who is now in her eighty-fifth year. John Marshall laid out the Second ward of the city of Parker and sold the land for building purposes.

To John and Mary (Marshall) Turk the following children were born: Marshall, Elizabeth and Elisha R., all of whom are deceased; Henry, Samuel M., and Anna M.

Samuel M. Turk was reared at Parker City and educated in the public schools. At the age of fifteen years he entered the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company as a messenger boy, at Parker City, acting in that capacity for five years, during which period he learned telegraphy. In 1883 he accepted a position as operator for the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, at Parker's Landing, and a month later resigned to accept the position of agent for the Adams Express Company, serving as such for twelve years. Mr. Turk then embarked in the general mercantile business at Parker City, which he continued four years. On Jan. 1, 1898, he was appointed postmaster at Parker's Landing (postoffice of Parker City) and has held the office continuously ever since, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is a progressive and enterprising citizen and has been closely associated with the advancement of his section. Among his business associates he is held in the highest esteem, and is president of the Weisfield Manufacturing & Chemical Company, manufacturers of a superior line of proprietary medicines and extracts, from the formulas of Dr. C. A. Weisfield, of Parker City.

Politically Mr. Turk is a steadfast Republican. He served one term as a member of the common council of Parker City and was

elected to the select council, but resigned the latter position in order to assume the duties of mayor, to which honorable office he was elected in 1892; he gave the city a fine administration.

On Sept. 25, 1886, Mr. Turk was married to Marie Riddle, a daughter of John and Phebe (Cartwright) Riddle, of Bruin, Pa., and they have one son, Walter, who is a clerk in the post office at Parker's Landing. The latter married Catherine Church, of this place.

MILO ELLSWORTH SMITH owns and operates a fine farm in West Franklin township, Armstrong county, and has been one of the active and useful citizens of that locality, serving the community in various official capacities.

John B. Smith, Mr. Smith's paternal grandfather, was one of the early pioneers of North Buffalo township, this county, where he cleared and improved a farm. He lived to a good old age, dying in South Buffalo township July 18, 1871, in his eighty-first year. To him and his wife, Mary (Bell), was born a family of nine children: John; George H.; Joseph B.; James G.; Margaret B., who married John Graham; Abraham W.; Samuel H.; Robert M., and Richard N.

Richard N. Smith, son of John B., was born Jan. 12, 1837, in North Buffalo township, where he was reared to manhood. Most of his life, however, was spent in West Franklin township, this county, where he engaged in farming and also operated a sawmill for many years. He died in Nebraska in 1902, at the age of sixty-four. He married Mary M. Minteer, daughter of William and Barbara (Millen) Minteer, and granddaughter of William and Mary (Nicholson) Minteer, natives of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish extraction, who settled in what is now West Franklin township in 1813, taking up 150 acres of land which they cleared and improved. They died there. To Richard N. Smith and his wife were born two children, Clara E. and Milo Ellsworth, the former now the wife of John R. Swan, of Delta county, Colo. The mother died Aug. 27, 1911, in her seventy-fifth year.

Milo Ellsworth Smith was born May 26, 1860, on the old William Minteer homestead in West Franklin township, in which township he has always resided. He received a common school education, and since he entered upon life's activities has been occupied in farming. He has owned and occupied his present farm of 180 acres since 1900. Though he gives his work all the care and attention it needs to make it profitable, he has not neglected the duties of citizenship, and has served as supervisor, overseer of the poor, school director and school treasurer of his township, giving satisfaction in the discharge of all his duties. He is a Republican on political questions.

On June 26, 1880, Mr. Smith married Catherine Gaiser, daughter of John L. and Margaret (Severline) Gaiser, natives of Germany, and granddaughter of Ludwig and Dorothy (Dieterly) Gaiser, who came from Wurtemberg, Germany, to the United States in 1847, the following year (1848) settling in Worthington and later purchasing a farm in West Franklin township, where they died. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born three children: Charles H., Mamie E. (wife of Ralph Hindman) and William L. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Worthington, and Mr. Smith has been active in the work of the congregation, having served as elder since 1907.

GEORGE MERCHAN FOX (deceased) had the oldest undertaking business in Kittanning and was engaged in that line for over thirty years. He was a native of Leechburg, Armstrong county, born Oct. 2, 1836, son of George and Alice (Hilderbrand) Fox. His grandfather, John Fox, came from Germany and made his home in Pennsylvania, where he died in 1820. He was a blacksmith by trade.

George Fox was born in 1800 in Armstrong county, Pa., and was a boatman on the Pennsylvania canal, from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, and when the oil excitement came on he engaged in boating oil down the Allegheny river. After some years he left the oil region and then spent a portion of his time in fishing in the Allegheny and Kiskiminetas rivers. He died in 1869 at Clinton. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Democrat, in religion a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife, Alice (Hilderbrand), was born in 1808 in the arsenal at Pittsburgh, where the family had taken refuge in time of danger. Her father, Comey Hilderbrand, a native of England, first located in Pittsburgh after his arrival in this country, being in the garrison for a while, and later settling at Freeport, Armstrong county, where he died in 1845. He spent much of his time on the Allegheny river and became very friendly with the Indians, learning to speak several of their languages and



Mrs. Katherine A. Fox



George M. Fox

serving as interpreter for several of the tribes, and was quite popular with them.

Mrs. Fox died June 14, 1888, in Warren county, Pa. She and her husband had thirteen children, namely: George W., William, May Iona, George M., John, Annie, Harriet, Angeline, Maggie, Susan, David, Alice and one that died young.

George Merchan Fox was reared on the farm, and in his early boyhood attended the local common schools. He learned the trade of plasterer, serving a two years' apprenticeship. Going South, to Memphis, Tenn., he remained there, engaged in the ice business, until the Civil war broke out, when he returned to Pennsylvania and commenced boating oil on the Allegheny river, being thus engaged until 1866. In the year 1868 he settled in Kittanning, of which borough he was a resident to the end of his life. In 1870 he embarked in the business of undertaking and embalming, having his business establishment and home in the three-story brick building on Arch street where he was located until his removal to Nos. 158-160 North McKean street, the place where his widow still resides. There he continued the business until his death, which occurred Jan. 1, 1904. Mr. Fox was successful, acquiring the ownership of several houses in the borough besides other property, and he was one of the respected citizens of Kittanning throughout his long residence there. He was a Republican in politics, and served as member of the town council; fraternally held membership in Ariel Lodge, No. 688, I. O. O. F., and Lodge No. 493, E. A. U.; and belonged to the Methodist Church.

When the news of the Johnstown flood (1889) came to Kittanning Mr. Fox and his nephew, Lloyd Green, went to the scene of the great disaster, and together gave five weeks of their time, without remuneration, to help prepare the bodies for burial. Later Lloyd Green went to the Austin (Pa.) flood, where he gave three weeks' services preparing the dead free of charge.

On May 5, 1863, Mr. Fox married Katherine Ann Lloyd, who was born March 2, 1838, at Ebensburg, Cambria Co., Pa., daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Stimeman) Lloyd, and member of a highly respected family of that section. They had no children of their own, but reared the three children of Mrs. Fox's sister Josephine (wife of Harry Green), namely: Ira Lloyd Green, who lives at Kittanning; Frank Green, now of Morgantown, Va.; and Leroy F., who is in the automobile business at Pittsburgh.

Ebenezer Lloyd, father of Mrs. Fox, was born at Ebensburg, Cambria Co., Pa., which place was so named in honor of the Lloyds who founded the town, after the name Ebenezer borne by so many members of the family. The Lloyds came originally from Wales. They were very liberal in their support of movements for the improvement of the place, gave the church, cemetery and other benefits to the town, and did much for the advancement of the general welfare. Ebenezer Lloyd and a partner ran the stage line from Ebensburg to Indiana, Indiana Co., Pa., through Kittanning to Butler, Butler county. He eventually settled in Kittanning, where he founded the undertaking business which after his death was continued by his son-in-law George M. Fox. Mr. Lloyd was one of the most esteemed citizens of this section in his day. He was a Republican in his political views. He and his wife Sarah had a family of three children: Katherine A., Mrs. George M. Fox; Absalom R., who resides in Kittanning; and Josephine, who married Harry Green and after his death became the wife of George T. Patterson, their home being now at Alliance, Ohio.

ALONZO K. GOOD, one of the most progressive citizens of his section of Armstrong county, has been a farmer in Wayne township for many years, but he has been interested in many other enterprises which have made him well acquainted throughout this region. He was born Aug. 28, 1855, in Indiana county, Pa., son of Abraham Good and grandson of Abraham Good. His great-grandfather was a native of Maryland, and his grandfather was born near Hagerstown, that State, June 3, 1799. About 1832 he came to this part of Pennsylvania, locating in Indiana county, where he purchased a farm upon which he spent the rest of his life. His death occurred Sept. 9, 1855. On June 17, 1818, he married Margaret Burket, who was born in June, 1802, and died Jan. 31, 1864. They had children born as follows: Christiana, Nov. 26, 1820; Peter, Nov. 24, 1822; Abraham, Oct. 13, 1824; Isaac, Oct. 31, 1826; Eliza, Aug. 16, 1829 (died Oct. 2, 1844); Nancy, June 17, 1832; John, Sept. 17, 1835 (died Oct. 3, 1844); Margaret, Nov. 22, 1837; Samuel, Dec. 6, 1841 (died Sept. 28, 1844); David, Sept. 2, 1844; Sarah, Aug. 28, 1847.

Abraham Good, son of Abraham and Margaret Good, was born Oct. 13, 1824, near Frankstown, Blair Co., Pa., and came with his parents to Indiana county in 1832, grow-

ing up on his father's farm. Several years after his marriage he settled upon a farm north of Dayton, and there followed farming successfully the remainder of his days. He became the owner of two large farms near Dayton in Wayne township (one besides his home place), comprising 250 acres, and was a substantial and influential citizen in his day. He was active in the local government, serving his township as school director, constable and overseer of the poor, and filled every office with ability and fidelity. He was an earnest member of the Glade Run Presbyterian Church, which he served as trustee and elder, and in political connection was a Republican. He died Feb. 19, 1907, at the advanced age of eighty-two years, four months. six days.

On April 26, 1854, Mr. Good married Hannah C. Irwin, who was born March 14, 1821, daughter of Benjamin Irwin, and died June 4, 1890. His second marriage, on June 4, 1894, was to Caroline Marshall, daughter of Samuel Marshall; she died Aug. 20, 1904. Mr. Good's children were all born to the first marriage, namely: Alonzo K.; Adolphus C.; Rosa Ida, born Sept. 5, 1859, who died May 3, 1863; Elmer E., born Oct. 17, 1861; and Ulysses S. Grant.

Alonzo K. Good, who now resides upon the homestead, was born near the mouth of the Little Mahoning creek in Indiana county, and came with his parents to Armstrong county in the spring of 1863, the family settling near Dayton, in Wayne township. In 1881 he moved to Heathville, where he engaged in the mercantile business until 1885. Returning to his father's homestead near Dayton, the place he now owns and occupies, he has since been giving his time principally to looking after his agricultural operations, and he and his sons have valuable coal lands which they have developed. The coal is disposed of to the local trade. Mr. Good has been active in various local enterprises having for their object the general good. He was one of the organizers and for many years manager of the Dayton Fair Association. He is a director of the Pine Creek Fire Insurance Company of Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, and in all the relations of life he has gained and held the respect of all his associates. He is a member of the Glade Run Presbyterian Church.

On June 12, 1879, Mr. Good married Belle F. Jewell, who was born June 22, 1856, and they have had four sons born as follows: James A., March 8, 1883; Thomas G., Aug. 17, 1885; Frank J., Feb. 14, 1887; Edward C., Sept. 30, 1888.

Ulysses S. Grant Good, son of Abraham Good, was born Oct. 8, 1864. He attended the Glade Run Academy for several terms, and in the spring of 1887 went out to Nebraska, where he taught school several years. Later he engaged in farming near Gothenburg, that State, in 1895 selling his property there and purchasing another tract farther west, at Basin, Wyoming.

"The Rev. Adolphus Clemens Good, Ph. D.—By Rev. John Gillispie, D. D. The Board of Foreign Missions was greatly shocked on Dec. 21st, by receiving a cable dispatch from Batanga, West Africa, announcing the death of this noble missionary, which occurred on Dec. 13th [1894]. The shock was all the greater because in his very last letter to the Board, Dr. Good had written from Efulen as follows: 'Neither Mr. Kerr nor I have ever had an hour's sickness here, indeed the only departures I ever had from perfect health have been due to bad food eaten on journeys. I have never detected the slightest signs of malaria.' The brief dispatch gave no hint as to the place or the cause of his death.

"Dr. Good was a child of the covenant, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Good, and was born near Dayton, Armstrong county, Pa., Dec. 19th, 1856. When but a lad he made a public confession of his faith in Glade Run Presbyterian Church. He received his preparatory training in Glade Run Academy from 1873 to 1876, was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1879, and from the Western Theological Seminary in 1882. His degree of Ph. D. was given by Washington and Jefferson College in 1890. In June 1882, he was ordained by the Presbytery of Kittanning as an Evangelist, preparatory to sailing for Africa, having been previously appointed a missionary by the Board of Foreign Missions. He chose the Dark Continent as his field of labor mainly because it was a hard field and because few at that time were found willing to enter it. He sailed for Africa September 18th, 1882, and on his arrival was assigned to Baraka Station, near the mouth of the Gaboon River. Being a man of fine linguistic ability he soon mastered the Mpongwe language and ten months after landing preached his first sermon in the native tongue. He was married June 21st, 1883, to Miss Lydia B. Walker, a missionary in

connection with the Mission, who with a son ten years of age survives him.

"In January, 1884, Dr. Good was transferred to the work on the Ogowe River, begun some eight years before, where his rare gifts of evangelizing and organizing found ample scope. With a noble spirit of self-sacrifice, which took no note of the severe physical and mental strain involved, he threw himself into every part of the work with characteristic energy. Itinerating along the river was his chief delight, carrying the Gospel to those sitting in darkness. In this work he was greatly blessed. For several years there was an almost continuous outpouring of the Spirit and hundreds of converts from heathenism were baptized. Largely through his instrumentality the one church existing in 1884 multiplied to four before his final removel from that field in 1893. During his last year or two on the Ogowe, when burdened with the care of the widely scattered churches, he also revised the entire New Testament in Mpongwe, and the Hymn Book then in use, adding quite a number of hymns to the latter. During this period and also later, Dr. Good made some valuable contributions to Natural History by sending many choice specimens to Chancellor Holland of the Western University of Pennsylvania. On this point the Chancellor writes: 'With the help of friends and natives he made during his stay on the African coast at various times collections of the birds, animals, and especially of the insects of the region, which have given him an honored place among the missionary explorers of the century. We are indebted to him for our first knowledge of fully five hundred.'"

Rev. Mr. Good was married June 21, 1883, on board the United States ship of war "Immeborg," off Libraville, Gaboon, by Rev. W. C. Gault, to Lydia B. Walker, who still resides in Africa. Their son, Rev. Albert Irwin Good, graduated from the University of Wooster in 1906 and from the Western Theological Seminary in 1909. In August of the latter year he sailed for Africa to engage in the same work to which his father's life was devoted.

EDWARD GRANT PROCIOUS has been in business at Kittanning since 1903, having lumber and mercantile interests there. He was previously a general merchant at Oak Ridge, Armstrong county. Mr. Procious was born June 22, 1868, in Mahoning township, son of William and Catherine (Gearhart) Procious.

William Procious was of German descent, and was born in Northumberland county, Pa. He settled in what is now Mahoning (then Red Bank) township, Armstrong county, in 1840, purchasing 105 acres of land in the northeastern part of the township, which was then nothing but a wilderness. He cleared and improved his tract, and died there March 14, 1887, at the age of seventy-two years. By his first marriage, to Anna Shick, Mr. Procious had four children who grew to maturity: Adam, now deceased; Catherine, deceased, wife of Wesley Doverspike; Betty, who married Abraham Bodendorn; and Henry. To his second marriage, with Catherine Gearhart, were born nine children: John C.; Susan, who married William Lanker; William; Jennie, who married Monroe N. Shoemaker; Carrie, who married Marion J. Morrison; Edward Grant; Ella, who married A. Calvin Shaffer; Mattie, who married Ezra L. Doverspike; and Reuben S., who is on the homestead.

Edward Grant Procious was reared to manhood on the old homestead, and began his education in the local public schools. Later he attended the Berlin University in Center county, Pa., and Bucknell College, at Lewisburg, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1889. The same year he graduated from the Michaels business college, at Delaware, Ohio, and in 1890 he began his business career as proprietor of a general merchandise store at Oak Ridge, Armstrong county. He carried that on very successfully up to 1903, when he moved to Kittanning, selling out to Frank Williams & Co., who still conduct it. As proprietor of the Kittanning Supply Company he has the largest stock of house furnishing goods carried by any house in Armstrong county, and he is also extensively engaged in the automobile and lumber business. By wise management and judicious buying he has kept the line in his store complete and up-to-date, and his earnest desire to please customers has deservedly brought him a large patronage. Honorable dealing and satisfactory service have brought him continued success, and he has the respect and good will of all with whom he comes in contact in any of the relations of life. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, a member of the Elks, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, and widely known in the fraternal organizations. Politically he is a Republican.

On Jan. 10, 1890, Mr. Procious was mar-

ried to Dora B. Hankey, daughter of George W. and Abigail (Long) Hankey, of Red Bank township, this county, and they have a family of five children: Avanell Ruth, Marion, John Ellsworth, Mildred and Edward Grant, Jr.

ROBERT H. MEGRAW, for several years successfully engaged as an architect at Kittanning, was born in Allegheny City, Pa., May 1, 1858, son of Richard B. and Jane (Hughey) Megraw.

Richard B. Megraw was one of the leading contractors and builders of Allegheny City and Pittsburgh, and well and favorably known throughout western Pennsylvania as a highly respected citizen and public-spirited man. His death occurred in 1871.

Robert H. Megraw was educated in the public schools of Allegheny City and Belle View, Pa. In young manhood he learned the trade of stonecutting, and for about two years worked at that trade, after which he was an apprentice to that of a carpenter for four years. He was then engaged at carpentry and building for about fifteen years, and in the meantime developed his natural talent for architecture by study, until sufficiently familiar with the profession to adopt it. When he first branched out as an architect he became superintendent of the original car shop building at Swissvale, now the Union switch and signal works. From 1892 he has given all his attention to architecture, and for a time was located at Jeannette, Pa., but later moved to New Kensington, Westmoreland Co., Pa., after two years there returning to Allegheny City for a year. In 1905 he opened his place of business in Kittanning, settling in the county in 1906, and for a time he was associated in a business way with the Philadelphia Gas Company. Among the plans he has furnished are those for the Stein hotel, the Colwell & Arnold office building, and several modern residences of Kittanning. He is thoroughly abreast of the times in his work, and is a recognized expert in his profession.

A prominent Republican, Mr. Megraw was in 1905 elected to represent his district in the State Assembly, his victory at the polls being a surprise to many, as he was opposed by the powerful local organization, but his personal popularity and high moral standing brought him ahead of his ticket. His legislative record proves that the confidence the people had in him was not misplaced, and stands to his credit. Mr. Megraw was nominated for a second term, but his enemies prevented his reelection.

In 1907 Mr. Megraw was married to Martha Banks, daughter of John Banks, of Armstrong county. Mr. Megraw is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, which he serves as an elder.

LOUIS W. KIME, junior member of the general merchandise firm of Gallagher & Kime, of Rural Valley, was born there March 14, 1862, son of Anthony and Sarah (Brown) Kime.

Anthony Kime was born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to the United States in early manhood, settling in Rural Valley, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he embarked in business as a wagonmaker. He had learned his trade abroad. His practical and thorough knowledge of his work gained him a steady custom, and he continued in this line until his death, which occurred when he was about fifty years old, resulting from a fall. His wife, who died Jan. 7, 1910, at the age of ninety-three years, was a daughter of Peter Brown, a pioneer of Cowanshannock township. There were six children in the family of Anthony Kime and wife: Julia (deceased), Charles A., William, Louis W., David W., and Phebe (who married B. S. Cook).

Louis W. Kime was reared in Rural Valley and attended the local public schools, supplementing his course in them with one term at Grove City College, in Mercer county, Pa. He began life on his own account as a teacher in the common schools when he was seventeen years old, and later became clerk in a general store owned by Andrew Gallagher at Rural Valley, thus serving in the summer, while in the winter he continued teaching until 1892, when he bought a half interest in the business, which has since been conducted under the firm style of Gallagher & Kime. This is one of the leading general stores of the county, and is patronized by people from a wide territory.

Mr. Kime is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Rural Valley. His practical experience as an instructor came into good play for the benefit of the community when he served for one term as school director of Rural Valley, being elected on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Kime is not married.

CHARLES COLWELL has not been active in business life for some years, but he still retains various interests. He makes his home in Valley township, Armstrong county,

where he has served as justice of the peace and school director and is a highly respected citizen. Born Dec. 11, 1857, in Kittanning township, this county, he is a son of Alexander and Nancy J. (Watterson) Colwell, and grandson of Alexander Colwell, of Ireland, who came to Armstrong county, Pa., when a young man. He became a merchant at Kittanning, with which place he was ever afterward identified.

Alexander Colwell, son of Alexander and father of Charles, was born in the borough of Kittanning, and for a time followed store keeping there. He was afterward a farmer in Valley township, residing at the "stone house" on the pike and farming three hundred acres of land. He was an enterprising, active and well-known man, held various township offices, including those of auditor, justice of the peace and school director, and was prominent in the community in various connections. In politics he was a Republican. He died in Valley township in 1893, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, Nancy J. (Watterson), died in 1896, at the age of sixty-eight. Their six children were as follows: Bruce, who died when about nineteen years old; Charles; William, who died young; Emma, Elizabeth and Rosabell, all of whom died young.

Charles Colwell began his education in the local common schools and subsequently went away to school until he was eighteen or nineteen years old. Returning home, he stayed with his father until 1887, when he began contracting in the gas and oil fields, following that business in Armstrong county until two years ago. During that time he produced gas on the old homestead in Valley township. From 1896 to 1902 he was with the Eastern Oil Company, and he retired from business because of failing health. He is still interested in the mercantile business in Kittanning as a stockholder in the McConnell & Watterson Company, dealers in hardware, furniture, etc. He owns the old homestead as well as the place where he resides in Valley township, and is one of the prosperous citizens of that section. The American pumping station is on his ground. Though he has not aspired to public honors he has been chosen by his fellow citizens to fill the offices of justice of the peace and school director. His political connection has been with the Republican party. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks and the Masons, at Kittanning, and he attends the Presbyterian Church.

In 1888 Mr. Colwell was married to Rebecca McAfoos, daughter of S. McAfoos, and they have had two children: Harry, of Pittsburgh, who is with the Gulf Refinery Company; and Hazel, who lives at home. Mrs. Colwell was born in June, 1857, in Valley township, Armstrong county.

EDWIN D. IVORY, who established a flourishing real estate and insurance business at Ford City which he conducted within the last few years, was born in 1874 in East Brady township, Clarion Co., Pa., son of Alfred L. and Harriett E. (Morrison) Ivory. His father is a well-known lawyer of the Armstrong county bar.

Mr. Ivory attended public school at Clarion, Pa., and later studied at the Clarion Normal School. He then moved with his parents to New York, where he was employed as a clerk for a time. Being a close observer and persistent reader he has endeavored to become well informed, and he has added to his early education by attendance at night school since he began work. Thus in a measure he may be said to be self-educated. Moving to Pittsburgh, Pa., he found employment in the establishment of George Van Kirk for a short time. Being endowed with natural talent and liking for the art of designing, he learned the trade of designer and draughtsman, and in time became designer of fine chandeliers for the S. Keighley Metal Ceiling and Manufacturing Company, of Pittsburgh, holding that position for about eleven years. The confinement, however, affected his health so seriously that he was obliged to abandon the business, and he located at Ford City, where he engaged in the real estate and insurance line. In the spring of 1911 he was appointed justice of the peace. He became further connected with the business interests of the place as stockholder, secretary and treasurer of the Ford City Brick Manufacturing Company, which was originally organized for the manufacture of the ordinary red brick. The company has recently, however, discovered that in its property holdings is a large bed of first-class firebrick clay, and intends to manufacture that kind of brick extensively in the development of this find. During a comparatively brief residence at Ford City Mr. Ivory has become well known there. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Ford City, of the Independent Americans, and of the Royal Arcanum. In religious connection he is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1905 Mr. Ivory was married to Goldie A. Steele, daughter of Lincoln Steele, of

Pittsburgh. They have two children: Georgiana L. and Dixon L.

JOHN A. KLINGENSMITH, of Mateer, Armstrong county, general merchant, belongs to a family of successful business men who have made the name well and favorably known throughout this section. He was born Nov. 22, 1868, in Parks township, this county, son of Josiah W. Klingensmith, grandson of Adam Klingensmith and great-grandson of George Klingensmith.

The Klingensmiths are of German descent. George Klingensmith was born in 1779 in Westmoreland county, Pa., and in 1820 removed to what is now Parks township. He lived there until his death, in the year 1857.

Adam Klingensmith, only child of George Klingensmith, above, was born in 1812 in Westmoreland county, and came with his parents to Armstrong county. He also followed farming in Parks township, on the place where his father settled, and died there in 1874, in his sixty-third year. He was an active member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, serving as deacon of the congregation at Bethel. In politics he was a stanch Democrat. He married Anna M. Kirkland, a native of McKeesport, Allegheny county, who died in 1881, in her seventy-sixth year; she was a member of the Lutheran Church. Her father, John Kirkland, was born in Scotland, and came to Pennsylvania in an early day. He followed boating on the Monongahela river between McKeesport and Pittsburgh, and his death, which occurred in 1812, was caused by drowning when he fell overboard from a flatboat on which he was employed as a poleman. Besides Josiah W., mentioned below, Adam Klingensmith and his wife had children as follows: William married Belle Kirtendol and moved to Kansas, where he was an extensive farmer (he is now deceased); Lucetta married John Grantz (who is now deceased), of near Kelly Station, this county; Nathaniel, who married Elizabeth Baker, owns half of the original homestead; Eden, who married Caroline Baker, was killed in a sawmill about 1900; Caroline married Andrew Lambing, and died about 1880.

Josiah W. Klingensmith was born June 20, 1841, on the farm in Parks township, where he remained until his death, in October, 1912, being a member of the third generation of that family to occupy that place. He was reared on this farm, and obtained his education in the common schools of the home township. During the summer of 1857 he engaged in boating on the Pennsylvania canal, following that work for a few years. Then for five years he was engaged as a farm hand. In 1862 he enlisted, becoming a member of Company C, 139th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry (Colonel Parr), for three years. He helped to bury the dead who had lain for eleven days on the battlefield of Second Bull Run. After that his regiment moved on to Sharpsburg, Md., joining the 6th Corps of the main army, and marched to Antietam. Mr. Klingensmith was in all the engagements in which his regiment took part, seeing active service in field at Antietam, Fredericksburg (both battles), Chancellorsville, the Wilderness and Gettysburg—in fact all the principal actions of the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battle of Gettysburg after a forced march of thirty-six hours, during which time his company had not been allowed to cook any food, and was under fire and in active service during the greater part of twenty-four hours. On May 5, 1864, he was wounded in the left hand by a musket ball, at one of the wilderness fights, and was sent to Lincoln hospital, at Washington, where he remained until August. On Dec. 24, 1864, he was discharged on account of disability, and he has never fully recovered the use of his hand. He was in the hospital at the time of Lee's surrender.

After his return home from the army Mr. Klingensmith engaged in farming, which he followed until 1874. At that time he opened a store on his farm, and when the post office of Dime was established, in 1881, he was appointed postmaster and had the office in his store. He served in that position until February, 1886, when a Democrat was appointed, but in 1889 he again succeeded to the place and continued to serve until 1893, when Cleveland again became president. When Mr. Klingensmith commenced business in 1874 he had $240 in money, fifty-eight acres of land and a pair of horses. With that limited capital he extended his interests until he became one of the most prominent business men in his section, owning various farms besides his home place of over fifty acres—1,300 acres in all, including the homesteads of his father and of his wife's family. Some of his holdings were in Parks township, some in Kiskiminetas township, and part of the land is underlaid with valuable coal deposits.

Mr. Klingensmith was from early manhood an active member of the Republican party, and became one of its leaders in Parks town-

ship. When that township was formed he was elected assessor. He was a member of the Boiling Springs Evangelical Lutheran Church, and for sixteen years served as a member of the church council.

In 1866 Mr. Klingensmith married Lucinda Knappenberger, daughter of John Knappenberger. She is now (1912) seventy years old. Eight children, three sons and five daughters, were born to this union: (1) Mary A., deceased, was the wife of William Ayres, a farmer of Canada, and had two children; her son is deceased, and her daughter lives with an aunt in California. (2) John A. is mentioned below. (3) Francis William, a prosperous merchant at Dime, Armstrong county, is married and has two children, Paul and Marion. (4) Nannie B. married C. F. Bartz, a ranchman, of Imperial county, Cal. They have no children. (5) Susan M. married H. E. Gilchrist, a farmer and teacher, of Burrell (now Bethel) township, Armstrong county, and has five daughters. (6) Olive L. (Ollie) married Harry Lafferty, a farmer, of Kiskiminetas township, and has three children, two sons and one daughter. (7) Josiah Wylie was killed by a boiler explosion Nov. 22, 1910. He married Nellie Riggle and they had one child, a daughter. (8) S. Myrna married Frank Riddle, formerly a mill man at Leechburg, now a farmer of Parks township.

The Knappenberger family, to which Mrs. Klingensmith belongs, is of German origin. The first of the family to come to America arrived here in 1748, in the ship "Christmena," landing at Philadelphia. The family gradually centered in Westmoreland county, Pa., at Manordale. Mrs. Klingensmith had four brothers, Daniel, Jacob, Augustus and Henry, all still living except Daniel.

John A. Klingensmith, eldest son of Josiah W. Klingensmith, was reared on the farm in Parks township which has long been in the family. For fourteen years, from 1885 to 1899, he ran a peddler's wagon, which he found very profitable. From 1899 to 1902 he followed teaming in the gas fields, from 1902 to 1904 had a general store at Dime, Pa., and from 1904 to 1910 worked at the carpenter's trade. For the last four years, since 1910, he has had a general mercantile establishment and acted as postmaster at Mateer, where he has built up a thriving trade. Mr. Klingensmith has been quite active in local public affairs, and has served his township officially as tax collector, supervisor and assessor. He was tax collector for six years, and made the remarkable record of never carrying over one cent of tax from one year to the next. Like his father he is an uncompromising Republican. He is now the owner of the old Knappenberger homestead, as well as other lands.

On Oct. 16, 1890, Mr. Klingensmith was married to Levina Brown, of Parks township, daughter of Samuel Brown, a farmer. Seven children have been born to this union, three dying in infancy. The survivors are: Grace, born Oct. 26, 1891, married to H. S. Smeltzer; Ruth, born April 30, 1894; Rosena, April 3, 1896; and Cevilla, March 14, 1898. The family attend the Lutheran Church. Mr. Klingensmith is a member of the I. O. O. F. and W. O. W.

OMAR C. CLARK, M. D., of Worthington, Armstrong county, was born at that place in 1869, a son of William and Mary (Noble) Clark. Both the parents were natives of Armstrong county, the mother of Irish ancestry. William Noble, the Doctor's maternal grandfather, was for many years justice of the peace and held other local offices in this county. By occupation he was a farmer. To him and his wife were born the following children: Eliza, wife of Samuel Leard; Jane, wife of James Wiley; Rose Ann, wife of William Leard; Mary, mother of Dr. Clark, and her twin brother William.

Dr. Clark attended public school at Worthington and the Iron City Business College at Pittsburgh, being graduated from the latter institution in 1889. He then devoted himself to the study of medicine, and with this end in view entered the Western University of Pittsburgh, graduating therefrom in 1896, following which he established himself in practice at Worthington. Later he took a special course at the Polyclinic in New York City, graduating in 1904. He belongs to the Armstrong County Medical Society and to the Pennsylvania State Medical Society. At present he is serving as trustee of the Presbyterian Church in which he holds membership.

In 1896 Dr. Clark was united in marriage with Floda M. Reed, daughter of Hamilton Reed, of Armstrong county. Dr. Clark has built up a large practice at Worthington and firmly established himself in the confidence of his patients.

JAMES LESLIE HAZLETT, principal of the graded school at Worthington, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born in North Buffalo township, this county, Feb. 25, 1873, a son

of Robert and Ellen (Rayburn) Hazlett, and a grandson of John Hazlett.

John Hazlett was a pioneer settler of Butler county, Pa., where he followed farming. He and his wife, Jane, had the following children: Samuel; Robert; Reuben; Jane, Mrs. McClelland; Ellen, who married William Leisure; Belle; and one daughter who became the wife of James Collar.

Robert Hazlett, son of John, and father of James Leslie Hazlett, was born in Butler county, Pa., and for many years was a resident of North Buffalo township, Armstrong county, where he followed the trade of cabinetmaker. Later in life he moved to Ohio, and died there. He married Ellen Rayburn, a daughter of James and Jane (Galbraith) Rayburn, of Slate Lick, Armstrong county, and they had seven children, six of whom grew to maturity: Jane; Belle, wife of C. Craig Long; Harry; John; Elmer Boyd, and James Leslie.

James Leslie Hazlett was reared in Armstrong and Butler counties and obtained his early education in the public schools, later attending various educational institutions. He took a summer normal course at the Slate Lick Academy and also at Worthington, and was graduated from Westminster College in the class of 1905. Since then he has devoted himself to educational work and has acceptably filled several important positions. For one year he was principal of the Mount Jackson high school, in Lawrence county, Pa.; for a part of one year was principal of the Hickory high school, and also was supervisor and principal of the township high school there for two years; served as principal of the South Buffalo township (Armstrong county) high school for two years, and since 1908 has filled his present position, where he has two assistants. He ranks high among the educators of Armstrong county.

Mr. Hazlett was married June 24, 1911, to Erma Graham, a daughter of Benjamin and Caroline (Palmer) Graham, of New Wilmington, Lawrence Co., Pa. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Politically he is a Republican, and fraternally is associated with Lodge No. 836, Odd Fellows, at Craigsville.

WILBERT EARL LAUSTER has followed milling ever since he commenced work, having learned the business with his father, Henry F. Lauster, who was well-known in that connection in his section of Armstrong county. In fact, he is a member of the third generation of the family to follow it in Cowanshannock township.

Ernest Martin Lauster, great-grandfather of Wilbert Earl Lauster, was born in 1800 in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, where he followed milling until he came to America in 1848, accompanied by his family. They landed at Baltimore, Md., from there proceeded to Pittsburgh, Pa., and shortly afterward secured land at what is now East Liberty. Mr. Lauster followed gardening until 1855, when he moved to Armstrong county and bought a farm of 150 acres from Samuel Beers, in Kittanning township. Mr. Lauster remained on this farm until 1866, when he moved to the farm of a son in another part of the township, living there until 1881, when he removed to his son Henry's farm in Cowanshannock township, where he died in 1888. His wife was also long-lived; born in 1799, she died in 1885. They were buried in St. Paul's cemetery, in Plumcreek township, Armstrong county. They had three sons: George, residing on the old homestead in Kittanning township; Peter, formerly a successful business man of Pittsburgh, member of the firm of Lang & Lauster; and Henry.

Henry Lauster, son of Ernest Martin Lauster, was born Feb. 7, 1837, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. When eleven years of age he accompanied his parents to America, and was about nineteen when his father bought the farm in Armstrong county. Henry learned the milling business and after a time became associated with J. A. Boyer, under the firm name of Boyer & Lauster, the firm later becoming Lauster, Sowers & Co. They erected the North Star Mill, three miles southwest of Yatesboro. The business of the mill became very heavy. In April, 1889, Henry Lauster, together with his brother Peter Lauster, then of Allegheny, bought out the interests of the other parties, conducting the mill under the name of Lauster Brothers. Henry Lauster was in charge of the mill business and under his management it prospered. His brother died Feb. 11, 1893, after which he continued it alone until Sept. 24, 1903, when he retired, what was widely known as Lauster's mill being sold. After a year of rest on his farm in Cowanshannock township, he built a comfortable residence at Rural Valley, and was about ready to move into it when he sustained an injury to his foot, which, after much suffering and a surgical operation in the hospital of Kittanning, Pa., caused his death in November, 1906. He was buried in St. Paul's cemetery connected with St. Paul's Reformed Church, near

Blanco. He was a member of the order of the Odd Fellows and both in that organization and among his fellow citizens generally, was held in very high regard. It was said of him that he was a kind-hearted, generous man, one of unimpeachable integrity, a good husband and a loving father.

In 1858 Henry Lauster was married to Christena Koch, of Kittanning township, Armstrong county, and four children were born to them, three sons and one daughter. In 1882 the family was stricken with typhoid fever and on Oct. 18th, two of the children succumbed, the only daughter, Catherine C., who was seventeen years old, and one son, John B., aged twenty-two years. Two other sons survived the epidemic, Henry F. and William P. The mother, Mrs. Henry Lauster, was born May 11, 1839, and resides at Rural Valley, taking possession of the new residence while her husband was at the hospital, hopefully preparing the home to which he never returned alive. Her parents were John and Anna (Reichart) Koch, of Kittanning township.

Henry F. Lauster, son of Henry, was born Nov. 13, 1862, and was engaged in the milling business most of his life, first at Lauster's mills, Blanco, and from 1904 in association with his brother, William P. Lauster. They built the Rural Roller Mills in Yatesboro immediately after their father sold his mills as above related in 1903, and operated same under the firm name of Lauster Brothers until the death of Henry F. Lauster, which occurred Feb. 7, 1908. He married Narcissa Wagner, daughter of Jacob Wagner, who was a pioneer farmer of Armstrong county. Mrs. Lauster survives her husband, as do also the three sons born to them, John B., Wilbert E. and Orin Elsworth.

Wilbert E. Lauster was born Feb. 9, 1890, in Cowanshannock township, where he was reared. He began his education in the country school there, later attending public school at Rural Valley. Under the able direction of his father he became familiar with the details of the milling business, at which he has been employed since 1907, and he has shown the aptitude for it which might have been expected of a member of the Lauster family. He is a progressive young man in every respect. In politics Mr. Lauster is a Democrat, and he holds membership in the Reformed Church.

On April 18, 1910, Mr. Lauster married Minnie Beestriz, daughter of Martin and Clara (Rish) Beestriz, of Parnassus, Pennsylvania.

JACOB C. CAMPBELL, retired farmer, now a highly respected resident of Worthington, which borough he served as burgess for three years, was born in West Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Pa., April 24, 1848, son of Samuel and Margaret (Garver) Campbell, and a grandson of James Campbell.

James Campbell came to America from his native country, Ireland, and prior to 1800 settled in Armstrong county, Pa. He cleared and improved a tract of thirty acres on which he lived and died, and subsequently bought 200 acres of land in the same township, West Franklin, which he sold to his sons Samuel and James. The name of his wife was Hannah Claypoole, and their only children were the sons mentioned.

Samuel Campbell, son of James and father of Jacob C. Campbell, was born in 1802, in Armstrong county. He owned 107 acres of land, all of which he cleared through his own industry, and here he died in 1870, at the age of sixty-eight years. He married Margaret Garver, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Kears) Garver, the former a native of Germany and an early settler in West Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he cleared and improved a farm of over one hundred acres. To Samuel and Margaret Campbell the following children were born: James and Nancy J., both of whom are deceased; Jacob C.; Mary, who married Harvey Henry; Hannah, Isaac and Samuel, all of whom are deceased; and John.

Jacob C. Campbell attended the district schools in boyhood and then gave his attention to the management of the old homestead farm, on which he remained until 1902, when he retired to Worthington. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served seven years as a school director.

On Oct. 21, 1874, Mr. Campbell was married to Eliza Reed, a daughter of David and Mary Ann (McKee) Reed, and a granddaughter of David H. and Mary (Knight) Reed and of Thomas and Margaret (Blaine) McKee, all old pioneer residents of Sugar Creek township, Armstrong county. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have three children: Florence, who is the wife of Harry B. Husler; Edgar W., and Stella Marie.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS PRUGH, late of Elderton, Armstrong county, was a member of the borough council at the time of his

death and had held various other public positions in that place, of which he was long a highly respected citizen.

Mr. Prugh was born Feb. 13, 1839, in Westmoreland county, Pa., near Saltsburg, son of Abner and Elizabeth (Bortz) Prugh. His father always followed farming, and owned a tract of 135 acres in Plum Creek township, Armstrong Co., Pa., whither he removed when his son Augustus was three years old. He married Elizabeth Bortz, and they had a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters: Caroline married Robert Thompson, of Armstrong county, a teacher, and both are now deceased (they had eight children); Anna married Jacob Shewfler, a blacksmith, of Westmoreland county, who is now deceased, and they had ten children; James, who died at Greensburg, Pa., in 1907, had taught for fifty-two years without losing a term (he left a widow and seven children); George Augustus is mentioned below; William, who died July 3, 1911, was a teacher for forty years (his widow lives with Mrs. George Augustus Prugh at Elderton; by his first wife he had four children); Melissa married William Wyatt, a farmer, of Atwood, Armstrong county, and had six children; Michael, who died March 6, 1911, married Malvina Fryer, of South Bend township; Elizabeth married Robert McLanahan, a farmer, had two children, and died in August, 1895.

George Augustus Prugh (always known as Augustus Prugh) was just three years old when his father moved to Plum Creek township, where he passed the remainder of his life. He became one of the best known citizens of the borough of Elderton, which he served in various official capacities, holding the positions of school director, tax collector and member of the town council, in which latter office he was serving at the time of his death, which occurred June 29, 1912, in Elderton. He had been in poor health for three years. Mr. Prugh was a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, which he served as elder for twenty-five years, and he was also deeply interested in the Sunday school of which he was superintendent for eleven years, missing but two days' attendance in that period.

On Sept. 10, 1862, Mr. Prugh married Sarah Elgin, who died in September, 1892, the mother of five children, two of whom died in infancy. The other three are: Belle, born July 3, 1863, unmarried, who lives in Westmoreland county; Herbert, born in 1869, who works the farm that was occupied in turn by his grandfather and father (he married Agnes Rankin and has three children); and Pearl, who married Ed. Sheffler, a wagon builder, of Westmoreland county, Pa., and has five children. For his second wife Mr. Prugh married, on July 2, 1895, Eva Bamwell, daughter of Robert Bamwell, a farmer of Blacklick township, Indiana county. Mrs. Prugh took a course at the Indiana (Pa.) State Normal School. No children were born to this union.

JEREMIAH WYANT has been a lifelong resident of Washington township, Armstrong county, where he is engaged in farming and stock raising. He has lived at his present home for almost half a century, and its creditable condition is the best evidence of his energetic and progressive methods. He is a grandson of Martin Wyant, the founder of the family here.

Bartholomew Wyant, father of Jeremiah Wyant, settled in what was then Sugar Creek (now Washington) township, clearing a farm upon which he spent the remainder of his life, following farming. He gave all his time to his own affairs, making many improvements upon his land, and was a quiet, unassuming citizen, with no desire to mingle in public matters. He died at the age of sixty-two years, a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Wyant married Christina Wolf, who lived to the age of eighty-two years, and they had children as follows: Margaret, Jeremiah, William, Jacob, Luther, Chambers and Addison Bartholomew.

Jeremiah Wyant was born May 7, 1841, on the old homestead in Washington (then Sugar Creek) township, and grew to manhood at his birthplace. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the service of his country, joining Company D, 103d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years, being mustered out in 1865. Among the engagements in which he took part were the battles at Blackwater river, Kinston and Plymouth, where he was captured. He was first taken to Andersonville, where he was held for five months, was transferred thence to Blackshear Station and later to Savannah and Charleston, and finally to Milan prison, at Florence, S. C. His experiences and sufferings during this period were of unusual severity. He was exchanged while at Florence and returned to his regiment. After the war Mr. Wyant settled upon the farm in Washington township where he has since

made his home, a tract of seventy-six acres which when he took possession had comparatively few improvements. An old log barn and brick house stood on the land, but it was only partly cleared, and he set about to make a desirable estate with a spirit of ambition and enterprise which assured success. He has brought the soil into splendid condition by systematic working and judicious management, has erected all new buildings on the place, and keeps the property in excellent order, its appearance being a credit to him and to the neighborhood. Mr. Wyant has taken a good citizen's interest in the welfare of his locality and has ably filled the office of supervisor for five or six terms; he has also been school director. In politics he has always adhered to the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Wyant married Martha Catherine Best, who was born Dec. 25, 1840, and they have had a family of eight children, born as follows: Harvey Adolphus, May 15, 1866 (was drowned when twenty-three years old); William, Dec. 15, 1868; Lillie, Feb. 20, 1871; John L., Jan. 26, 1872; Anna, Dec. 22, 1873; Charles, Nov. 22, 1876; Margaret, Oct. 22, 1877; James, Feb. 24, 1881.

SAMUEL S. MATEER, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Boggs township, Armstrong county, lives on the farm formerly owned and occupied by his father, and is a member of the third generation of his family in this county, where his grandparents, John and Margaret (Montgomery) Mateer, settled at an early day.

John Mateer was a native of Cumberland county, Pa., and on coming to Armstrong county settled in Franklin township, where his children were born, viz.: John, Robert, Samuel, Montgomery, Anthony, Rosana, Nancy and Margaret. In 1855 John Mateer, the father of this family, left Armstrong county and moved out to Wayne county, Ill., where he died. He was a Democrat in politics.

Samuel Mateer, son of John, was born Nov. 27, 1818, in Franklin township, Armstrong county, and died in 1900 in Boggs township. Farming was his principal business throughout life, but in early life he was also a drover, dealing extensively in stock, which he drove to the eastern markets. He bought the place of 200 acres in Boggs township now owned by his son Samuel, at a time when there were neither roads nor bridges in the vicinity, and the tree under which he pitched his tent the first winter, while he cleared a place for his house, is still standing. In the spring he went for his young wife, whom he had married the previous August, 1843, and they worked together to improve the property, in time being able to build a fine house and barns. Mr. Mateer was a Democrat and took a prominent part in the public affairs of the locality, holding the office of justice of the peace for twelve years and serving faithfully in various township offices, including that of school director. Being a carpenter, he in 1859 built the schoolhouse which still stands on the farm and is known by his name. He also contributed liberally toward the building of the Presbyterian Church of Concord, and was one of the trustees of that congregation. He helped to secure good roads in his neighborhood. He was the promoter of the Pine Creek furnace, and in company with James E. Brown, of whom he purchased his farm, established the furnace where the station of that name now stands. Thus he was associated with many movements which marked the progress of his community. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

In August, 1843, Mr. Mateer married Elizabeth Ambrose, who was born April 2, 1823, daughter of Benjamin Ambrose, a farmer of Westmoreland county, who came to Franklin township, Armstrong county, where he reared his family of four sons and three daughters. Mr. Ambrose was a Whig and a Presbyterian. Mrs. Mateer died in 1904. She and her husband had the following children, all born on the home farm in Boggs township where their son Samuel S. now lives: James E. B., born May 24, 1844, is a farmer of Boggs township (he married Esther S. Lowry); John Harvey, born July 31, 1846, is a farmer of Boggs township; Robert M., born Oct. 5, 1848, graduated from Jefferson Medical College and was a prominent physician of Elderton, this county, until his death, Jan. 18, 1900 (he married Mary Donnelly); Benjamin Franklin, born Dec. 25, 1850, is a retired farmer living in Kittanning; Samuel S. is mentioned below; Annie Jane, born Oct. 25, 1855, married William C. Calhoun, a farmer of Boggs township; Margaret, born March 18, 1858, married Findley P. Wolff, an attorney of Kittanning, and died June 24, 1910; Mary Elizabeth, born Dec. 10, 1860, is the widow of Joseph Banks; Ambrose M., born July 16, 1863, is a merchant at Ford City, this county; Alexander Montgomery,

born Oct. 26, 1867, is a farmer of Boggs township. Besides their own large family Mr. and Mrs. Mateer raised Daniel Cogley, who was born Sept. 7, 1839, and whom they took into their home as an orphan boy of nine years. He still resides on the old homestead with Samuel S. Mateer. He was a Union soldier during the Civil war, enlisting in August, 1862, in Company K, 155th Pennsylvania Regiment, and serving three years with the Army of the Potomac; after his discharge he returned to the Mateer farm in Boggs township.

Samuel S. Mateer was born on his present farm May 1, 1853, and there he remained throughout his early life, assisting his father. He was educated in the local district schools. He now owns the old homestead property intact, and his progressive methods and skillful management entitle him to a place among the leading farmers of his section. He is one of the substantial citizens of his township, and highly esteemed wherever known.

On Oct. 20, 1891, he married Mary Houser, who was born May 3, 1862, in Boggs township, daughter of Henry and Esther (Zimmerman) Houser, of Goheenville. They have had three children, born as follows: Margaret, June 5, 1893; Elizabeth Bell, April 10, 1898; and Martha, Jan. 22, 1903. Mr. Mateer is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is in sympathy with the Democratic party on political questions, but takes no part in such matters, never aspiring to office. His home is the abode of hospitality, and as a neighbor and friend he is well liked in his section.

John and Christina (Clever) Houser, Mrs. Mateer's grandparents, were early pioneers of Wayne township, Armstrong county. They were married in 1824, and had the following children: Henry, George, Daniel, Jacob, John, Sarah, Mary, Levina and Catherine. The mother of this family was born Sept. 4, 1804, in Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland county, Pa., daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Clever, who once lived in Center county, this State, later, in 1800, moving to Westmoreland county. When Christina was ten years old she walked with the family to the Rupp settlement, now the site of Echo, Armstrong county. She was always strong and hardy, and lived to the unusual age of one hundred years. Her father, Henry Clever, was the only one of the Clever family to escape being massacred by the Indians, he having been away from home at the time the massacre occurred.

Henry Houser, son of John and Christina (Clever) Houser, was born in Wayne township, Armstrong county, and settled in the northern part of Boggs township on a tract of one hundred acres then only partly improved. He added another one hundred acres, and devoted the remainder of his life to the improvement of the place, where he lived until his death, in 1900, at the age of sixty-eight. His wife, Esther (Zimmerman), died in 1888, at the age of fifty-eight. Their children were: Sarah Jane, John, Jeremiah, Mary (Mrs. Samuel S. Mateer), Daniel, William and Margaret.

RALPH B. HUBER, who is engaged in the general merchandise business in the borough of Rural Valley, Armstrong county, is a hard-working and enterprising young man whose substantial qualities augur well for his success. He was born at Rural Valley Sept. 15, 1886, son of Joseph B. Huber, and is a grandson of the late Bernard Huber, who settled at what is now Rural Valley in 1850.

Bernard Huber was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Nov. 6, 1819, and came to America when he became of age. He was a tailor by trade. After his marriage he located at Lancaster, Pa., where he followed tailoring for a time, and thence removed to Philadelphia, where he lived, in what is now West Philadelphia, until 1850. Coming to Armstrong county, he bought property and in the fall of that year settled at what is now Rural Valley, where he continued to work at his trade. He had served five years in the German army before coming to America, and when the Civil war broke out he enlisted in the support of the Union, becoming a member of Company G, 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and being at once made orderly sergeant. He was ever afterward known as Sergeant Huber. He was with the Army of the Cumberland, and served three years. After his return from the army Mr. Huber lived retired until his death, which occurred in July, 1891. He is buried at Rural Valley. Mr. Huber was always faithful to his military training and continued to take an interest in such matters, was a member of the G. A. R. and took an active part in its work, and was a man highly respected by all who knew him. His wife, Anna B. (Busenger), was born in Germany, July 6, 1810, and came to America with her parents when three years old, the family settling in Harrisburg, Pa. She died at Rural Valley April 23, 1885, aged nearly seventy-five years. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Huber: Elizabeth, born Aug. 14, 1841, died unmarried; Lewis F., born June 13, 1843, served during

the Civil war in Company G, 55th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Col. Harry White's regiment, and died at Beaufort, S. C., Jan. 5, 1863, at the early age of nineteen, while in the service; Charles H. lives at Rural Valley; Joseph B. is mentioned below; Anna M., born Nov. 23, 1850, died in childhood.

Joseph B. Huber was born May 30, 1848, in Philadelphia, and learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed for a number of years. He was a young child when the family settled in Rural Valley, and he passed the remainder of his life at that place, where he died Feb. 25, 1909. For a number of years he was engaged at the carpenter's trade. He is buried at Rural Valley. Mr. Huber was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He married Mrs. Hannah (Ramer) Hoeh, daughter of Robert and Mary (Hertenberger) Ramer, natives of Germany who came to this country and settled in Armstrong county, Pa., and widow of Charles Hoeh. She survived Mr. Huber and continues to make her home at Rural Valley. To Mr. and Mrs. Huber were born three children: Ralph B.; Elsie, who married Oscar C. Turney and has one child, Harold; and Wilburt, who died young. By her first marriage Mrs. Huber had two daughters: Mary, who died when eighteen years old; and Flora, who married John Hankinson and had four children, Lawrence, Elsie, Bernard and Russel.

Ralph B. Huber received his early education at the public schools of Rural Valley and later attended the normal school at Indiana. He then took up the electrical business, which he followed for eighteen months at Yatesboro, this county, and he has since devoted himself to the general store at Rural Valley which he now conducts. He has a wide patronage among the residents of Rural Valley and the neighboring country, and by honorable methods and strict attention to his customers is building up a substantial trade.

Mr. Huber married A. G. Milliron, daughter of Jesse Milliron, of Ringgold, Jefferson county, Pa., and they have one daughter, Evelyn M. Mr. Huber is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He votes independently.

WILLIAM BAIN RAMSEY, justice of the peace, Second ward, Parker City, Pa., was born in Sugar Creek township, Armstrong county, April 21, 1837, son of George S. and Eliza (Bain) Ramsey, and a grandson of James Ramsey. He is of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

James Ramsey came from Virginia to Armstrong county, Pa., prior to 1820, settling in Sugar Creek township. He was a tailor, and continued to work at his trade until old age caused his retirement, living to be ninety-six years old. He married a Miss Smith, and they had six children, all now deceased, namely: William; Harriet, who married John Rowe; Fanny, who married Isaac Colbert; Eleanor, who married Joseph London; George S., and James F.

George S. Ramsey, son of James Ramsey, was a man of unusual learning for his day, being a scholar and familiar with the English and German languages. Soon after attaining his majority he settled in Donegal township, Butler county, Pa., where he followed farming in the summers and taught school in the winters until two years before his death, at the age of forty-one years, at that time being auditor of Butler county. He married Eliza Bain, who survived him. She was a daughter of John and Charity (Sanders) Bain, the former coming from Gettysburg, Pa., to Armstrong county at an early date, settling in Madison township, where he cleared a farm from the wilderness on which he lived until his death. To George S. and Eliza (Bain) Ramsey the following children were born: William B., John S. (deceased), James H. (deceased), a son that died in infancy, George W. and Perry M.

William B. Ramsey was twelve years old when he accompanied his widowed mother and the other members of the family from their home in Butler county to the Bain homestead in Armstrong county, and there he grew to manhood. His education was secured in the common schools. For a number of years he worked at Pine Creek Furnace, seven miles from Kittanning, Pa. On Aug. 18, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, in Company K, 155th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years or during the war. He took part in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg. From the last named place he was sent to hospital at Washington, D. C., and afterward, on account of poor health, was detailed for light duty, and on April 21, 1864, on account of continued disability, was honorably discharged from a hospital at Philadelphia.

After Mr. Ramsey sufficiently recovered his strength at home he was employed in mining and shipping ore for three years, at Lucinda, Clarion county, Pa., and later from Parker in company with Major W. P. Mobley, and from Bear Creek to Pittsburgh, Pa., until 1870. He

then embarked in the coal business, opening coal banks at Parker and Karns City, in Armstrong county, and at St. Joe, in Butler county, and continued in that business until 1886, when he was elected assessor of the city of Parker. He served in that office for twenty-three consecutive years. In 1906 he was elected a justice of the peace, holding over his term, under the new law, from May, 1911, to December, 1911, and on Nov. 7, 1911, was reelected, for a term of six years.

Mr. Ramsey was married Oct. 1, 1857, to Georgiana Curren, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Garwood) Curren, of Parker, and eight children were born to them, namely: William C., who is deceased; James H.; Elizabeth, who is the wife of William Over; Sarah A., wife of Charles Cratty; Homer S.; Robert G.; Julia A., wife of Dr. Albert M. Hoover; and Jacob M. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for over a half century. He belongs to C. A. Craig Post, No. 75, G. A. R., of Parker, which he served as commander for one year, quartermaster for eight years, and at present as adjutant, serving his fifteenth year in that office. Politically he is identified with the Republican party.

JOHN W. CROSBY, of Leechburg, gas contractor and producer, is prominently connected with an industry which has had considerable influence in the prosperity of the borough. He has made his home there since 1886, and has been engaged in the gas business continuously.

Mr. Crosby is a native of Canada, born Oct. 8, 1858, about forty miles from Montreal, on the Ottawa river. John W. Crosby, his grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and on coming to America first settled in Philadelphia, Pa. Later he removed to Canada, where he became a large landowner and at one time also owned a line of stage coaches and a hotel. He was a pioneer in the region in which he settled, and he remained there to the end of his days, dying at the age of sixty-five years. His children were: James, Maria, Elizabeth, Sarah A., Jane and John W.

James Crosby, son of John W. Crosby, was born in Canada, and remained with his father, being in his employ. He died in 1865, at the age of about forty. His wife, Elizabeth (Harris), died in December, 1908, at the age of seventy-two years. Their six children were: Sarah Ann, Henrietta, John W., James (who was killed in Canada), Emma Jane, and one daughter that died in infancy.

John W. Crosby attended school in Canada until he was about sixteen years old. He then did farm work for a few years, and afterward clerked in a country store in Canada until 1876, when he started out for Pennsylvania. He arrived at Franklin on June 16th, and being out of money continued his journey on foot, walking to Edinburg, a distance of twenty-five miles. There his mother's brother, Thomas Harris, was engaged in the oil business, and he worked for him two years. At the end of that period he started in the oil business on his own account, at Mecca, in Trumbull county, Ohio, where he remained for one winter, next going to the Bradford (Pa.) oil fields. He was employed there drilling wells. In the fall of 1883 he joined a party of eight persons going out to California, being interested in a company that had a dry washer. They went into the mountains, but the rainy season coming on four became discouraged and turned back. For two months Mr. Crosby and another man were out by themselves, depending for food upon the game they shot, but they eventually returned to Los Angeles, where Mr. Crosby found himself stranded. Returning to Bradford, Pa., in the spring of 1884, he again went to work with his uncle for a time. He then started in business as an oil well contractor, his first well being drilled for the McCalmont Oil Company, of Pittsburgh. About this time the gas excitement was beginning to be felt in and around Pittsburgh, and the Philadelphia Gas Company was organized. Mr. Crosby began to take contracts to drive wells for them, the first one being at Tarentum, Pa. Two years later, on Oct. 1, 1886, he located at the borough of Leechburg, where he has since resided. He has been in the gas and oil business throughout this period, and has drilled about two hundred gas wells, including some of the largest in this region, comprising Armstrong, Westmoreland, Indiana, Allegheny, Somerset, Cambria and Clearfield counties. He also drilled an oil well in Greene county for the Standard Oil Company. In 1895 Mr. Crosby organized the Hyde Park Gas Company, owning one quarter of its stock, and six years later, when they sold out to the American Gas Company, they received forty thousand dollars for their stock, although the company was organized with a capital of only twenty-five hundred. He is vice president and general manager of the Gilpin Natural Gas Company of Leechburg, which has several wells in Armstrong county, selling gas to supply the Pittsburgh Shovel Works and the

American Sheet and Tin Plate Company's plant, both of which are located in Leechburg; and he is a director and manager of the Acme Natural Gas Company of Leechburg. On Sept. 27, 1911, he struck a fine well at West Leechburg, which is now being operated by the Crosby Gas Company. Few if any men in the gas business have had more experience in that line than Mr. Crosby, and he has been remarkably successful. His success is due as much to his good judgment and shrewd management as to other causes, and he has the confidence of all who have been associated with him. He is a director of the Mary Mining Company, which has offices in Pittsburgh and owns valuable ore property in Mexico. In 1887 Mr. Crosby was one of the organizers of the Grobheiser & Crosby Furniture Company, of Sturgis, Mich., and served as vice president of that concern. He sold out his holdings in this company in 1892. It is one of the largest table manufacturing establishments in the United States. Mr. Crosby is justly considered one of the influential business men of the borough in which he has so long made his home, and his enterprise and progressive disposition have been material factors in its growth and advancement.

On Aug. 15, 1886, Mr. Crosby was married to Mary M. McGeary, daughter of R. D. McGeary, of Tarentum, Pa. They have one son, Frank H. In politics Mr. Crosby is independent. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and socially is connected with the local lodge of Elks.

THOMAS BROWN, a farmer of Kiskiminetas township, was born July 1, 1830, in County Cavan, Ireland, son of Irwin and Margaret (Johnson) Brown.

Irwin Brown brought his wife and family of seven children to America in 1851, locating in Armstrong county, Pa. For four years he worked in the rolling mills at Kittanning, and then moved to Kiskiminetas township, where he bought 200 acres of land. On this he lived the remainder of his life, and since his death, in 1891, his children have made their home there, the property never having been divided. His wife passed away in 1889. They had twelve children, eight of whom are living, viz.: Thomas, Elizabeth, Isabell, John, Mary, Alexander, Frank and Margaret.

The Brown family is singularly blessed, for these brothers and sisters live together in perfect unity and happiness. They are exceptionally intelligent, and capable of bearing their part in the development of their neighborhood. They all belong to the Episcopal Church, the elder ones having been baptized in the Church of England prior to the family migration. The men of the family are Republicans, steadfast in their support of the party. The Brown home is one of the most hospitable in Armstrong county, and guests are cordially welcomed. The homestead owned by them in common is one of the finest in the county, and includes an orchard of apple trees which in 1911 bore a banner crop. There are other fruits, and all kinds of vegetables and grains are raised.

It is a matter of pride with the members of this family to live up to the high moral standard set by their parents, and they are highly esteemed wherever known.

HARRY E. J. PUTNEY, who is engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Kittanning, was born at Putneyville, Armstrong Co., Pa., Nov. 27, 1862, a son of Samuel B. and Harriet A. (Williamson) Putney.

David Putney, his paternal grandfather, was the founder of Putneyville. He was born in Connecticut, Oct. 18, 1794. On Sept. 29, 1818, he married Lavina Stevenson, born Jan. 7, 1796, and their children were: James T., George, David T., Mary E., William N., Samuel B., Nelson O. and Ezra J. Mr. and Mrs. Putney subsequently moved to Freeport, Pa., and in 1833 Mr. Putney bought from the Holland Land Company, at $1.50 per acre, a tract of one thousand acres surrounding and including the site of the present village of Putneyville. The bottom lands and the hillsides were covered with laurel and hazel brush. A little shanty was put up on the creek bank, where later a gristmill was erected, and this served as the home of the Putneys for about four months, until it was replaced with a cabin. This cabin was stocked with goods, to be sold to the surrounding farmers. Later a story and a half frame dwelling was built, which was the first of its kind in the neighborhood. In the meanwhile Mr. Putney successfully conducted his mercantile operations. In 1840 he contracted to furnish a large amount of timber to complete dam No. 1 on the Monongahela river at Pittsburgh. By this time a little settlement had sprung up about his location, and a few houses had been erected.

Samuel B. Putney, son of David, was for the greater part of his life extensively engaged in a lumber and boat building business. His death occurred in 1865. He and his wife were the parents of the following children:

David W., Boyd H. and Harry E. J. Mr. and Mrs. Putney were both active members of the Methodist Church, which Mr. Putney served as trustee. He was also active in Sunday school work, and exerted a powerful influence for good among his associates.

Harry E. J. Putney attended public school at Putneyville, the Reidsburg Clarion Academy, and the Clarion Normal School. After leaving school he became an apprentice to the painter's trade, which he followed for a time. Mr. Putney then spent six years in the employ of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, and later was engaged in a gas, oil and coal business. When he located at Kittanning he engaged in the general insurance and real estate business, in which he has since continued. In 1908, Mr. Putney, with H. A. Colwell and Mr. Pollock, cashier of the National Kittanning Bank, organized the Chicago Air Brake Company. This air brake acts upon a different principle from those manufactured by the Westinghouse people, and it is believed by those who are competent to pass judgment that it is destined to revolutionize the air brake system. A bright future appears to be before the promoters of this invention. Mr. Putney is active in fraternal circles, belonging to the Masonic order, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree, and also to the Elks.

On July 19, 1899, Mr. Putney was married to Marie Jones, daughter of David and Emma Jones, of Pittsburgh. Four children have been born to them: Harriet E., Jean D. J., Madge M. and Francis C.

JOHN WAREHAM, a venerable resident of Bethel township, has lived at his present home there for eighty years, and the place, which is now under the management of his eldest son, David Wareham, is one of the finest in that section of Armstrong county. Mr. Wareham was born July 1, 1828, in Armstrong county, near Apollo (then in Allegheny township), son of Peter and Susanna (Heigs) Wareham. His grandparents were of German descent, and came to this region from eastern Pennsylvania.

Peter Wareham was born Oct. 18, 1796, and his wife, Susanna (Heigs), was born the same year, in Somerset county, Pa., and was reared by her Grandmother Meyers, of Venango county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wareham moved to the farm in Bethel township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where their son John now lives, and both died in 1882, he on March 15th and she on August 24th. They had a family of six children, three sons and three daughters: William, born Oct. 9, 1821, married Henrietta Ayres (he was a soldier in Colonel Sirwell's regiment, the 78th Pennsylvania Infantry, during the Civil war); Catherine, born March 10, 1823, married Daniel Keefer; Silas, born June 7, 1825, married Mary Beatty, daughter of James Beatty; John, born in July, 1828, is mentioned below; Maria, born Feb. 22, 1830, married Samuel Wolf; Margaret, born March 19, 1833, married Miles Beatty, son of James Beatty.

John Wareham was but four years old when brought to Bethel (then Allegheny) township, and the country was still wild and heavily timbered, deer and other game being still plentiful. He attended the log schoolhouses usually found in pioneer days, fitted with slab benches, the pupils facing the wall, which held the shelves—running all around the room—used as desks. Amid such surroundings he grew to manhood, early becoming familiar with agricultural pursuits, which he followed throughout his active years. He was one of the hard-working and intelligent farmers of his township, keeping up the old home place in the most creditable manner. He took an active part in the public affairs of the township, serving capably and efficiently in the offices of supervisor and school director, and he has been for many years one of the leading members of the Bethel Lutheran Church, in which he has held the office of deacon.

In January, 1856, Mr. Wareham was united in marriage with Julia A. Walters, of Armstrong county, who was born March 14, 1834, daughter of John and Martha (Meyers) Walters, and they have had a family of eleven children, five sons and six daughters, of whom all but one survive at this writing: David is mentioned below; Maria married Samuel Kinnard, of Vandergrift, Pa., and they have one daughter and one son, Bertha and Irvin; Albert is a resident of Braddock, Pa.; Simon, who also lives at Braddock, has been married twice, first to Emma Wagle, by whom he had one son, J. Earl, and second to Mrs. Philomena Fletcher (they have no children); Martha married Miles Zellefrow, of New Kensington, Pa., and died at the age of thirty-two years, leaving two children, Margery and Albert; Susanna is married to Sloan Banks, of Bethel township, and has three children, Paul, Irene and Ruby; Mary is the wife of James King, of Vandergrift, and their children are Vera, Eugene and

Eveline; Edward married Maud Keppel, of Apollo, Armstrong county, and has three children, Cecil, Julia and Bessie; Harry married Maud Dettor, of Apollo, and they have two children, Dale and Edgar; Margaret is the wife of Calvin Cravenor, of Parks township, Armstrong county, and they have six children, Mabel, Ernest, Claud, Brice, Viola and Hazel; Olive is married to Joseph Mansfield, of Bethel township, and has two children, Marie and Rosa.

Mr. and Mrs. Wareham have lived to see many changes in their section and have aided in its progress, and they are held in very high estimation among their neighbors. Like her husband, Mrs. Wareham is a member of Bethel Lutheran Church.

David Wareham, eldest son of John and Julia A. (Walters) Wareham, was born March 9, 1857, in Bethel township, where he has passed all his life. He obtained his education in the local public schools, and began at an early age to assist his father with the work on the home farm, of which he now has the entire management. The property has been undergoing steady improvement, Mr. Wareham keeping pace with the most approved methods of the day in his work, and it is a valuable and attractive farm, its appearance and fertility amply repaying the labor and expense necessary to bring it to its present condition. Besides farming he has followed carpentering and mining. For several years he has been a school director, having served five consecutive years in that office prior to his election in 1913. Mr. Wareham is a member of Bethel Lutheran Church, of which he has been a deacon for many years. Fraternally he is a member of the O. U. A. M. and the Grange, P. O. H.

JAMES B. KIFER has been engaged in business at Leechburg continuously for a period of thirty-five years, and has served twenty-seven years as a justice of the peace, "Squire" Kifer being one of the best known men in this part of Armstrong county. He was born at Leechburg, Nov. 9, 1856, son of Joseph Kifer and grandson of Michael Kifer. His great-grandfather was a resident of Westmoreland county, Pa., where he died.

Michael Kifer was a native of Westmoreland county, and lived there about two miles from Greensburg. He followed farming, and died upon his farm. It is remarkable that the nine children born to him and his wife died in the same order in which they were born.

Joseph Kifer, son of Michael, was born March 3, 1809, near Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and when a young man learned the trade of hatter. When improved machinery began to change the work, however, he gave it up and turned his attention to gardening. In his later years he came to Leechburg, Armstrong county, where he lived in retirement until his death, which occurred Aug. 20, 1882. He was a very large and strong man. In 1837 he married Anna C. Spang, who was born June 25, 1818, daughter of Jacob Spang (born Feb. 2, 1769, and died Oct. 12, 1847). Jacob Spang was of Berks county, a member of the family whose members are heirs to the large Spang estate in Europe, which the Spangs have long endeavored to get possession of. To Mr. and Mrs. Kifer were born nine children, five of whom died in infancy, the others being: Lucinda, Rosanna, Esther and James B.

James B. Kifer received his education at Leechburg. When fourteen years old he left high school and for the next seven and a half years was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Leechburg, selling tickets. On Oct. 22, 1878, he opened the stationery store which he has ever since carried on. It was the first establishment of the kind in the place and was a success from the start, as its continued existence of thirty-five years would evidence. Mr. Kifer is probably best known, however, in his capacity of justice of the peace, to which office he was first appointed, Jan. 25, 1887, by Gov. James A. Beaver, to succeed A. J. Elliott, who was then elected to represent this district in the State Legislature. He has served continuously since, by election and reëlection, having been chosen by the people on five different occasions. During his long period of service many cases have come up before him for trial and he has disposed of his work in a manner highly satisfactory to all concerned. He is one of those justices who believe in amicable settlements whenever possible, and he always tries to have a case dismissed or settled out of court if his persuasion can arrange it so. In fact it is recognized that his efforts in this direction have saved many dollars to the county and to individual litigants who have followed his advice. It is worthy of note, and redounds to his credit, that in no case carried from his court to a higher one in all the years of his service has his decision been reversed. This is a record which is very creditable to both his legal and judicial ability.

Squire Kifer is well known in fraternal

circles, belonging to Leechburg Lodge, No. 577, F. & A. M. (he was made a Mason in 1889); to Kittanning Chapter, No. 248, R. A. M.; Tancred Commandery; Pittsburgh Consistory, and Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Pittsburgh. He also holds membership in the I. O. O. F. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and for eleven years served as superintendent of the Sunday school.

On Jan. 19, 1881, Mr. Kifer married Elizabeth A. Kirkpatrick, daughter of James and Sarah Kirkpatrick. They have two children, Mildred E. Bolar and Albert Eugene.

McKALLIP. The McKallip family, well known in Armstrong county, Pa., can be traced back in this country to a period antedating the Revolutionary war by several years at least. Its representatives have been men of honor and responsibility, whose efforts have been directed in a public-spirited way toward securing a betterment of conditions along civic reforms.

(I) Henry McKallip, of whom but little is known except that he was of Scotch-Irish descent, in 1774 brought his wife to America.

(II) Archibald McKallip, son of Henry McKallip, was the progenitor of the family in western Pennsylvania. He was born on shipboard while his parents were crossing the ocean, in 1774. He married Catharine Kipp, of Holland-Dutch descent, who was born on the present site of Gettysburg, in Adams county, Pa., in 1779, and died in 1844, two years after her husband passed away. They are buried in Elder's Ridge cemetery, in Indiana county, near the Armstrong county line. Both were consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church. During his earlier life Archibald McKallip taught school in Westmoreland county, and in Armstrong county at what is now Apollo. He and his wife had the following children: Henry K. died in Leechburg; Hannah married John Goldinger; Nancy married Daniel Yetter; Polly married Jesse Couch; George W. is mentioned below; John died in Westmoreland county; Nathaniel died in the West; Mattie married George Hawk; Abraham died at Freeport, Pa.; James died at Parkers Landing. Archibald McKallip had two brothers: John, who married and had a family; and Alexander, who never married, who became the owner of about three hundred acres of land where the battle of Gettysburg was fought.

(III) George W. McKallip was born Feb. 9, 1812, in Westmoreland county, Pa., and became a large landowner and merchant. His death occurred in Gilpin township, Armstrong county, Nov. 8, 1881. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rachel Shirley, was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Pizer) Shirley. They had the following children: John, who was killed in the mines when fifteen years old; Jane, who married Alexander G. (Dias) Dyess, a soldier of the Civil war; Catherine, who married and resides in Gilpin township; Henry P., who married Sarah E. Wolford and died in Leechburg; Robert W.; Elizabeth, who married Mark Marvin and lives in Gilpin township; Coulter, who married Josephine Klingensmith and lives in Gilpin township.

(IV) Robert W. McKallip was born March 4, 1844, in Armstrong county. In early life he was a miner. When his country had need of his services he enlisted in Company H, 6th Heavy Artillery, for nine months during the Civil war. After receiving his honorable discharge he went to the oil country, where he was employed for a few years. On his return he resumed mining in his native county. After some time devoted to this work he went to Harrisburg, where he was sergeant of the Capitol park police. After giving faithful and efficient service in this capacity he purchased a hotel, and operated it until his death, Nov. 13, 1907. His remains are interred in Evergreen cemetery, Leechburg. He was a member of Capt. J. A. Hunter Post, No. 123, G. A. R., of Leechburg. In politics he was a Republican. Mr. McKallip married Amanda Eliza Kistler, daughter of Daniel Kistler, and she survives him, living at Bagdad, Pa. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McKallip were: Harry W., of Leechburg; Frank K., of Bagdad; Scott, who died at the age of six years; Lottie I., who married Winchester H. Cline; Elizabeth R., at home; Mary E., who married M. I. Bigley; Charles F.; William W., of Bagdad; Laura, who died at the age of two years, and a son that died in infancy.

(V) HARRY W. McKALLIP, superintendent of the West Leechburg Steel Company's coal mines, was born at Bagdad, Pa., July 3, 1864, son of Robert W. McKallip. He attended the local school of his native place, and when only thirteen years old began to work in the mines at Bagdad. When he attained his majority he came to Leechburg and followed mining until 1897, thus gaining a practical understanding of the work, so that when he was made superintendent of the coal mines

owned by the West Leechburg Steel Company he was able to discharge the duties pertaining to his position efficiently and capably.

On Dec. 25, 1884, Mr. McKallip was married to Elizabeth Reidenhauer, daughter of John Reidenhauer, of Westmoreland county. They have children as follows: Henry P., Mabel A., Robert P., Walton B. and George W. Mr. McKallip is a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to the Royal Arcanum. Through his personal characteristics, and business efficiency, Mr. Kallip has become well known throughout his county, where his worth is recognized.

(V) CHARLES F. MCKALLIP was born at Bagdad, July 27, 1877, son of Robert W. McKallip, and is now a farmer of Gilpin township, and weighmaster for the Gilpin Coal Company. Mr. McKallip attended school in Gilpin township, and commenced working in the mines at Bagdad at an early age. Until 1897 he was employed at digging coal, and was then made weighmaster, which position he still holds.

Mr. McKallip married Wilda M. Hawk, daughter of Joseph and Jane B. (Ashbaugh) Hawk. One son, William E., was born of this marriage, and died when three months old. Mr. McKallip is a Republican in politics. The Hebron Lutheran Church holds his membership, and while attending service at Leechburg he is treasurer of the Bagdad Sunday school, and has served it as superintendent for some time.

JOHN SHANER, a farmer of Parks township, Armstrong county, one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of his section, was born Sept. 18, 1832, in Westmoreland county, Pa., eldest son of Henry Shaner.

Peter Shaner, great-grandfather of John Shaner, was the founder of the family in this country. He came to America from Germany before the Revolutionary war, and settled in western Pennsylvania, along the Schuylkill river. After living there for some time he removed to Maryland, where he died. His family consisted of twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, namely: Adam; Peter; Henry; Christopher; David; Daniel; John; Andrew; another son whose name is not remembered; Christian (daughter) and Catherine, whose husbands were both named Keefer; and another daughter who became Mrs. Ichus. All the sons except John and Andrew removed to western Pennsylvania about the year 1800, Adam and Henry settling in Butler county; some of their descendants are living in Pittsburgh. Christopher had the following children: William, Frederick, Joseph, Sampson, Katy (Mrs. Shafer) and Polly (married Henry Klingensmith); of these, Joseph and Sampson never married.

George Shaner, brother of Peter Shaner, the emigrant, fought under Washington in the American Revolution. He settled in Westmoreland county, Pa., and some of his descendants are now living near Turtle Creek, in Allegheny county, this State.

Daniel Shaner, son of Peter the emigrant, settled near Buena Vista, in Allegheny county, about 1807. The place was then known as Brown's Ferry. His children were John (the historian of the Shaner family), William, Daniel, George, Hetty and Peggy. Shaner's station, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, was named after Daniel Shaner, of this family.

Peter Shaner, Jr., grandfather of John Shaner, was a farmer by occupation, and lived and died in Westmoreland county. He was killed at Adamsburg. His children were: Jacob; Eli; Henry; Margaret, who died unmarried; Mrs. Henry Brewer; and one daughter who died young.

Henry Shaner, son of Peter, was born in 1809 in Allegheny township, Westmoreland county, and owned two farms in that township. Besides following farming he worked in the winter time at making barrels, as well as flaxbrakes for his neighbors. He was an active man in the community, served as tax collector, was a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics was identified with the Republican party. He died Nov. 6, 1881, and is buried in Pleasant View cemetery in Westmoreland county. His wife, Catherine (Cline), daughter of Peter Cline, died in March, 1887. They had a large family, viz.: John is mentioned below; Daniel lives in Gilpin township, Armstrong county; Henry lives in Gilpin township; William, who now lives in Allegheny township, Westmoreland county, served during the Civil war in Company C, 139th Pennsylvania Regiment, and was wounded at Spottsylvania Court House, May 12, 1864; Catherine is the widow of John Keppel and resides in Parks township, where she has a farm; Peter enlisted June 8, 1861, in the 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, and was killed at the battle of Gaines's Mill, June 27, 1862; Eli is living on the old homestead in Westmoreland county; Andrew, twin of Eli, died when five years old; David lives at Apollo, Pa. (he is the father of Sher-

iff Thomas Shaner, of Armstrong county); Thomas, a contractor, resides at Warren, Pa.; Caroline is the widow of Isaac Heckman and resides in Gilpin township; Rebecca, widow of William Frederick, resides in Westmoreland county; Solomon is living at New Kingston, Pa.; Zacharias is living at the old homestead in Westmoreland county; Elizabeth married Joseph McGeary, of Butler, Pennsylvania.

John Shaner, son of Henry, attended public school in his native county, and continued to live at home, assisting his father, until he was twenty-two years old. After that he was in the employ of Mrs. Owens for two years, doing farm work, and for one year employed elsewhere. He then married and started farming on his own account, on the old homestead. After living there for two and a half years he removed to Armstrong county, where he took care of his brother Daniel's coal land, looking after the latter's interests during his service and absence on account of the Civil war. He then removed to the David Kepple farm in what is now Parks township, remaining there for about one and a half years, after which he bought the James Hunter farm of 107 acres in Parks township. It lies three miles above Leechburg, along the Kiskiminetas river, and has become a valuable piece of property under his intelligent cultivation and excellent management. Mr. Shaner has had the good fortune never to lose a day's work because of illness during his residence there, and although he is in his eightieth year is still actively interested in the farm work. He has served his fellow citizens in the office of township supervisor, and for six years he was an elder of the First Lutheran Church of Leechburg, in which he holds membership. He is identified with the Republican party in politics.

Mr. Shaner was married to Hannah E. Seese, daughter of William Seese, who came to this country from Germany. They have become the parents of nine children: Annie married Thomas M. Klingensmith; Ida married G. B. Gourley; Henry W. D. died when eleven months, eleven days old; George married Florence Kunkel; Finley married Jennie Goodsill; Elsie, deceased, was the wife of Henry Wangaman; Lizzie M., unmarried, lives at home; John S., who married Lillie Shaner, lives at home and is engaged in farming the home place; Mattie is married to Charles Carnahan.

WILSON BOWSER is well known in his section of Armstrong county, having been a successful farmer and popular official of East Franklin township, where he has passed all his life. He was born there Jan. 1, 1840, son of William Bowser and grandson of Valentine Bowser.

Valentine Bowser was from Lancaster county, Pa., and was the first of this branch of the Bowser family to come to Armstrong county. He settled in East Franklin township, obtaining wild land which he cleared. He was a stonemason by trade. He and his wife died in East Franklin township. Their children were: William, Peter, Valentine, Jacob, Abraham, Mathias, Mrs. Toy, Peggy (Mrs. Jonas Bowser) and Mrs. Noah Bowser.

William Bowser, son of Valentine, was born in East Franklin township, Armstrong county, and grew up there, receiving his education in the common schools. He was married to Mary Ann Bowser, of Armstrong county, whose children were: Noah, Samuel, George, Mary Ann, Catherine, Eliza, Sally and Margaret. After marriage William Bowser and his wife settled on a farm in East Franklin township. In his early life he was a shoemaker, later becoming a farmer, and he was well known and respected among his fellow citizens. He never aspired to office, but was a stanch Democrat in politics. In religion he united with the Lutheran Church. He and his wife died in East Franklin township. They had six sons and four daughters; Wilson; Robert, who is deceased; Frank, living in Illinois; William Curtis, farmer in East Franklin township; Calvin, a farmer in East Franklin township; Albert, a farmer in Cowanshannock township; Elizabeth, who married William Wiley (both are deceased); Jane, married to John Wooford, of Indiana county, Pa.; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of M. S. Kerr; and Emma, who married M. H. McGeary, of South Buffalo township, this county.

Wilson Bowser had only limited educational advantages, at the country schools in East Franklin township. He remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-four, and has continued to farm since he began life for himself, having met with gratifying success in his undertaking, as a result of hard work and intelligent management. He also engages in stock raising. He has given considerable time to public service, having been supervisor of his township for three terms and school director fifteen years, his

work in both capacities being highly satisfactory. In political connection he is a Democrat. He holds membership in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Bowser was married to Sarah Milligan, of East Franklin township, a daughter of Andrew and Peggy Jane Milligan. Her father was a farmer in East Franklin township. Mr. and Mrs. Bowser have four children: Andrew Lee is a farmer in East Franklin township; William Park is a farmer in East Franklin township; Ida married C. McClay, of East Franklin township; E. W., a farmer in East Franklin township, married Jennie Helm, and has three children, Florence, Hazel and Roy.

FRITZ REITLER, of Ford City, Armstrong county, now engaged in the bakery business, was born in Germany in 1869, son of John Reitler.

John Reitler, who resides with his family at Ford City, was born and married in Germany and came to America with his wife and three sons, landing at New York, April 27, 1888. Mr. Reitler came to the United States as a skilled plate glass manufacturer, having learned and followed the trade in his native land. It was through inducements offered him by Captain Ford, the founder of Ford City, Pa., and the father of the glass business at this place, that Mr. Reitler left Germany and came to Ford City to engage in the glassmaking industry, beginning work in the Pittsburgh plate glass plant before the machinery was all in place. With his sons, who were also glassworkers, Mr. Reitler entered the works, and it was under his supervision that the first lot of plate glass was manufactured there. The business has so expanded that now the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Works at Ford City are reputed to be the largest in the world.

Fritz Reitler was employed in the glass works at Ford City for eleven years and then was engaged as a clerk by Mr. Scheeren, dealer in wholesale liquors. After three years he purchased Mr. Scheeren's interest and continued the business himself until recently, when he changed to his present line. Mr. Reitler is one of the city's heaviest taxpayers, owns a large amount of valuable property and is a stockholder in the Ford City National Bank. He is a man of much public spirit and notably benevolent.

In 1892 Mr. Reitler was married to Anna Snyder, daughter of Nicholas Snyder, and they have eight children, namely: Mary, Christian, John, Annie, Fritz, Jr., Flora, William and Herman. Mr. Reitler, his parents, brothers and sisters, and his own family, all belong to the Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is identified with the Elks at Kittanning, and with the Eagles at Ford City.

HARRY L. ELLENBERGER, junior member of the firm of Martin & Ellenberger, merchants of Dayton, Pa., was born at Belknap, Wayne township, Armstrong county, Aug. 17, 1856, being a son of Gabriel S. Ellenberger.

George Ellenberger, grandfather of Harry L., was born in Butler county, Pa., and moved to Wayne township, Armstrong county, locating at the present site of Belknap about the year 1831. There he obtained a tract of 166 acres of land, built a house on it, and worked hard to clear it for cultivation. He also opened a general store there, being the first merchant in the place. He continued in business until his death, and both he and his wife are interred in the Concord cemetery. His wife, who bore the name of Elizabeth Pontius, was the daughter of Gabriel Pontius. The following children were born to them: Gabriel S.; Charles W., now president of the First National Bank of Dayton, Pa.; William P.; J. Wesley; R. Clark; Maria; Sarepta; and Elizabeth.

Gabriel S. Ellenberger was born in Butler county, Pa. He taught school in Butler county, and always followed farming, owning a fine property of eighty-four acres in Wayne township, two miles north of Belknap. His death occurred in 1892, when he was sixty-two years old. He married Sarah Armstrong, daughter of John D. Armstrong, and they had four children: Harry L., Alice J., George M. and John D., who died young.

Harry L. Ellenberger attended the local schools and Dayton Academy, and taught school in Armstrong county from 1876 to 1890, becoming well known as an educator. In the latter year he located on the family homestead, and in 1896 embarked in the mercantile business at Belknap, continuing until 1908, when he formed his present partnership with Robert B. Martin, at Dayton. The firm is known as Martin & Ellenberger, and handles a full line of groceries, hardware, farm implements, wagons, buggies, and other goods. In addition to his other interests Mr. Ellenberger holds stock in the First National Bank of Dayton.

Mr. Ellenberger is a Republican, served as township clerk and auditor from 1901 to

1906, and is also a justice of the peace. He was one of the founders of the Dayton Normal Institute, and is now serving as secretary of the board. For years he has been a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church, of which he is trustee and elder. He is an excellent business man, a public-spirited citizen, and greatly interested in the development and advancement of the community. He has attained deserved prominence in his locality, and is justly held in the highest esteem.

PETER A. SMELTZER, proprietor of the "Valley House" at Yatesboro, Armstrong county, and a large landowner in that section, was born in this part of the county, in Plum Creek township, Feb. 8, 1863, and is a son of Peter George Smeltzer, an old settler of that township.

Peter George Smeltzer was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., near Greensburg, and died July 5, 1883, aged seventy-two years. He was a lifelong farmer, and on coming to Armstrong county settled in Plum Creek township, where he became the owner of a tract of 200 acres. His land was in the woods when he settled on it, and he had to clear it before he could cultivate it, but by hard work he prospered, and he became one of the substantial and well-known citizens of his locality. He lived on his farm until his death. His wife, Mary M. (Cribbs), is buried in St. Thomas cemetery at Gastown, in Plum Creek township. They were the parents of a large family, namely: Elizabeth, Christopher C., Ellen, George W., Robert G., Levi G., Henry S., Catharine, Jane, Caroline, Leah and Peter A.

Peter A. Smeltzer attended school in Plum Creek township and grew to manhood on the home farm. When he commenced on his own account he became interested in a store at Green Oak, in his native township, where he was located for three and a half years, after which he returned home and was in the store business there for one year. He next removed to the borough of Rural Valley, where he did business for about eight years, after which he was located at Apollo for about two years. From there he went to Vandergrift, where he engaged in the hotel business, carrying on what is now known as the "American House," but he remained only a short time, removing to the place which became known as Smeltzer, in Cowanshannock township. He established the post office at that point, and continued to reside there for about ten years, at the end of that time turning to farming, settling on a place of ninety-seven acres which he owned, in Cowanshannock township. After a year and a half of farming he came to Yatesboro and took charge of the "Valley House" as proprietor. Mr. Smeltzer has an up-to-date hotel, with twenty-four guest rooms, all supplied with modern conveniences, and conducted in a business-like manner which has been well rewarded in the increasing patronage this house enjoys. Though he has made a success of the hotel business it has not taken all his time, for he is very much interested in the real estate business in the development of a tract of 326 acres known as the George K. Ormond farm, which he purchased in the spring of 1911. It is situated about one mile above the borough of Rural Valley, and is known as New Scottdale. Mr. Smeltzer has laid part of this property out in building lots, which he is selling, and is planning a most desirable residential section.

Mr. Smeltzer's activity in local public affairs has been principally in connection with school matters. He was school director of Cowanshannock township for a period of nine years, and served as president, secretary and treasurer of the board, doing good work in every capacity. He is a Democrat in political sentiment.

Mr. Smeltzer married Sarah A. Rankin, daughter of Mathew Rankin, of Cowanshannock township, and they have had a family of four children: Bessie I., Pearl, Addison and Wanda. The family are Presbyterians in religious connection.

HARVEY E. MILLER, a farmer of Cowanshannock township, is a son of John and Susan (DeLancey) Miller, and was born Dec. 29, 1867.

David Miller was a pioneer of Plum Creek township, this county, where he cleared and improved a fine farm. Later on in life he moved to Strongstown, Cambria Co., Pa., where he died. He reared a family of two sons and one daughter: John, William and Sarah.

The maternal grandfather, Stephen DeLancey, was a pioneer of Cowanshannock township, where he purchased a tract of land, developed it into a valuable property, and died there.

John Miller, son of David Miller, and father of Harvey E. Miller, developed a farm which is now owned by his son, R. F. Miller, and died upon it. He was a soldier

during the Civil war, serving four years as a member of Company D, 103d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and had the misfortune to be taken prisoner by the enemy and sent to Andersonville prison. For twelve terrible months he was confined there. At the expiration of his term of service he was honorably discharged. His family numbered six children who grew to maturity: Mary Ellen, who married Robert McClenathan; William A.; Harvey E.; Robert F.; Katie M., who married Joseph Blose; and Nettie, who married Peter Garmon.

Harvey E. Miller was brought up in his native township and attended the common schools of the neighborhood. He began his business career as a day laborer, working in coal mines, rolling mills and for carpenters and contractors, thus continuing until 1899, when he commenced farming, since which time he has confined his efforts to agricultural pursuits. Mr. Miller now owns two fine farms in Cowanshannock township, comprising 107 and 105 acres, respectively.

In 1898 Mr. Miller was married to Maud Miller, daughter of Jacob and Sadie (Kerr) Miller, of Indiana county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have had seven children: Ozelma E., Dean L., Edna G., Dale V., Ora, Inez and Isabel. Politically Mr. Miller is a Republican, and has generally supported the candidates of his party.

LEVI G. COOK, a prosperous farmer and land owner of Bethel township, Armstrong county, has lived at his present place for the long period of forty-nine years. He was born in this township Oct. 26, 1842, son of Samuel and Margaret (Walker) Cook.

Smith, in his history of Armstrong county, quotes William Findlay as saying that Jeremiah Cook, Sr., moved up Crooked creek in 1769. He was the father of Conrad, George and Jeremiah Cook, whose names are on the assessment list of Allegheny township in 1805, and within whose limits "Manor Tract" was then.

Samuel Cook, the father of Levi G. Cook, was a native of Pennsylvania, and was engaged as a boatman on the Allegheny in the early days. He died in 1846, when in his prime. He married Margaret Walker, of Bethel township, who survived him many years, passing away Dec. 17, 1889. They had a family of four children who lived to maturity, two sons and two daughters. Harrison died when a little child.

Levi G. Cook has passed all his active years engaged in agricultural pursuits in his native township. He has been very industrious and thrifty, and in addition to his home place of one hundred acres has acquired another tract of thirty-eight acres, just opposite the tract on which he resides, making 138 acres in his present farm. He is one of the substantial and respected citizens of his community, for his means and position in the world have been gained by his own well-directed energy, and he has lived an upright life which commands the esteem of all who know him. He and Mrs. Cook are members of the Lutheran Church.

On Dec. 25, 1862, Mr. Cook was married to Mary Hileman, one of the family of eight children, six sons and two daughters, born to Solomon and Elizabeth (Schreckengost) Hileman, natives of Kittanning township, Armstrong county. They were Lutherans in religious connection. Mr. Hileman was a farmer. He and his wife were both members of old Armstrong county families, she being a daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Oury) Schreckengost, he a son of Daniel and Lydia (Yount) Hileman, and grandson of Peter Hileman. A long sketch of the Hileman family appears elsewhere in this work. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Levi G. Cook: (1) William, born May 10, 1864, married Ida Gould, and they have four children, Marie, Essie, Virginia and William G. (2) Henry, born March 31, 1866, married Susan Hancock, and has had one daughter, Rose M., who is now a school teacher. (3) Elizabeth, born Feb. 2, 1868, married Howard Mansfield, and they have three children, Gertrude, Jenette and Edison. (4) Luther, born March 4, 1870, married Ida Crook, and they have one son, Kenneth. (5) Elgie, born May 28, 1875, now deceased, was married to Lindsey Patterson. They had no children. (6) Susan Jane, born Nov. 28, 1877, married Charles Riggle, and has three children, Dawson Lee, Odessa M. and Otho.

CHARLES A. ROGERS, M. D., physician and surgeon at Freeport, Pa., was born July 10, 1874, in Sharpsburg, Pa., son of John and Elizabeth (Reed) Rogers.

John Rogers was born in Ireland in 1804, and came to the United States in 1845, locating at Sharpsburg, where he was connected with the iron interests for thirty years; he had also followed farming. His death occurred in 1890. He was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church, as was

his wife. She, too, was born in Ireland, and passed away in 1890.

Charles A. Rogers attended the common schools of his native city until he was fifteen years old, and later attended the Western University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1893, with the degree of Ph. D. Following this he studied medicine, graduating from the medical department of the same institution in 1897, with the degree of M. D. The same year he came to Freeport to engage in the practice of his profession, and he has built up a large and lucrative clientele among the best people. He is a member of the Armstrong County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Dr. Rogers has been surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for over ten years, and is examining surgeon for several reputable life insurance companies.

On July 18, 1901, Dr. Rogers was married at Freeport to Sue Gillespie, daughter of the late Captain Gillespie, and one child, Charles G., was born to them March, 1, 1905. Dr. Rogers is a Republican. For eight years he has been on the school board, and for five years a member of the council.

JOSEPH WARREN MINTEER, general merchant at Craigsville, Armstrong Co., Pa., at which place he is postmaster, was born in West Franklin township, Armstrong county, Nov. 15, 1881, son of James Nicholson and Matilda (Hindman) Minteer.

William Minteer, the great-grandfather, was born in Ireland, as was his wife, Mary Nicholson. They were of Scotch-Irish parentage. Coming to America in the early part of the nineteenth century, they settled soon after in what is now West Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where they cleared land. They had the following children: James, William, Andrew, John, Joseph, Alexander, Mary (who married Matthew Rayburn), Jennie (who married William Smith), Nelly (who married John Smith), Nancy (who married John Milligan), Betsey (who married Robert Galbraith), and Peggy (who married Anthony Williams).

William Minteer, son of William, and grandfather of Joseph Warren Minteer, was a farmer in Armstrong county. He married Barbara Millen, and their children were: James Nicholson; Mary, who married Richard Smith; and Eliza J., who married Downes Somerville.

James Nicholson Minteer, son of William, was born on the old homestead in West Franklin township on which he spent his entire life, and died there Aug. 31, 1905, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was a representative citizen and successful farmer. He married Matilda Hindman, who survives with three children: Ella B., James Francis, a physician, and Joseph W.

James Hindman, maternal great-grandfather of Joseph Warren Minteer, and his wife Mary (McClatchey) were born in Ireland, and they were pioneers in what is now West Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Pa. James Hindman settled on wild land and began to develop the farm on which George and Mark Hindman reside, and there he died April 28, 1846, when in his eighty-third year. His widow survived to be ninety-one years old, dying Aug. 22, 1856. Their children were: Margaret, who married David Hall; Mary, who married Joseph Armstrong; John; George; James; William, and Andrew.

William Hindman, son of James Hindman, was born in West Franklin township, Feb. 13, 1806. On May 10, 1832, he married Mary, daughter of George and Esther (Beard) Long, natives of Ireland and early settlers in West Franklin township. To William and Mary Hindman were born the following children who reached maturity: George, who served in the Civil war as a member of the 83d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Robert Kiskadden; Matilda, who is the widow of James Nicholson Minteer; Miriam; James, who is deceased; William, and Andrew M. In the year 1832 William Hindman and his wife Mary (Long) settled on the farm of 136 acres where their youngest son, Andrew M. Hindman, now lives, and there his death occurred Feb. 5, 1881, at the age of seventy-five years, and that of his wife June 5, 1887, at the age of eighty-two years.

Joseph Warren Minteer remained on the homestead and obtained his education in the local public schools. For three years following his marriage he continued agricultural pursuits, and then turned his attention to merchandising, in February, 1908, embarking in the general mercantile business at Craigsville. He has built up a profitable trade and has won respect and esteem in the community by his honorable methods. He has been postmaster at Craigsville since 1908 and has been a satisfactory official.

On October 4, 1905, Mr. Minteer was married to Ada Irene Dunkle, daughter of Henry C. and Marie (Russell) Dunkle, of Craigsville,

and they have three children: John N., Dorothy M. and Ruth M. Mr. Minteer is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Craigsville Lodge No. 836, and in politics he is a Democrat.

The Minteer family held its second reunion at Alameda Park, Butler Co., Pa., July 28, 1910, when over three hundred members were present and five generations were represented. The Minteers are usually found associated with the United Presbyterian denomination and earnest and active church workers. Four United Presbyterian ministers of the present day are among this family's descendants, namely: Rev. W. E. Minteer, Rev. O. H. Milligan, Rev. F. A. Dumm; and Rev. H. P. Smith.

It is said that the first William Minteer above mentioned, in association with Abram Smith, built the first Associate Presbyterian Church edifice, in 1815, at Slate Lick, Armstrong county. It was a log structure, 33 feet square, and they and their families continued to worship there for many years, deeming it a privilege, although many of them were obliged to walk a distance of five or six miles in order to reach the place.

LEONARD EGLY carries on general farming in Kittanning township, Armstrong county, and also has a coal bank on his farm. He has held local offices, and is very well known in his section, where he has resided for years.

Mr. Egly was born Oct. 7, 1839, in Allegheny county, Pa., son of John N. and Catherine Elizabeth (Horn) Egly. The parents were natives of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. They arrived in America in 1839, just before their marriage, the voyage taking sixty-two days. Landing in New York City, they married and came west to Allegheny county, Pa., where they lived for the next twenty years, in 1859 moving to Armstrong county, Pa. Here they settled in Kittanning township, near the old Red Mill, Mr. Egly acquiring the ownership of 100 acres of land, which at the time had only a small house upon it. He cleared much of the property and improved it greatly during the forty years and more of his residence thereon, his death occurring in 1902, when he was eighty-four years of age. His wife had died in 1898, at the age of seventy-eight. They were members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and were substantial and well-known residents of the locality in which they settled. They had a family of ten children: Leonard, mentioned below; Elizabeth, deceased; Susan, living in Armstrong county; John N.; William, living in Higbee, Missouri; Michael, a blacksmith in Kittanning township; Catherine, married to John Weise, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Henry, living in Apollo, Pa.; Philip, deceased; and Benjamin, a blacksmith, living at Canton, Ohio.

Leonard Egly was given a common school education, and lived at home up to the time of his marriage. He was only a boy of eleven years when he began to work in the mines, and after his marriage he located at McKeesport, Pa., where he was employed in the mines for six years. At the end of that time he came to his present location in Kittanning township, Armstrong county, buying the tract of forty-two acres which he has since cultivated. He has made all of the improvements on the place, which is now in excellent shape, and in addition to carrying on general farming operates the coal bank on this property. He has been quite active in local affairs, holding the offices of assessor and supervisor of Kittanning township for several terms, and is identified with the Democratic party on political questions. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

On June 13, 1863, Mr. Egly married Elizabeth Grantz, who was born in April, 1844, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, daughter of John and Barbara (Bohim) Grantz, natives of Germany who came to America in 1862 and settled at McKeesport, Pa., where he worked at his trade, tailoring, the rest of his life. Mr. Grantz was born in 1816 and died at the age of seventy-five; his wife, born in 1813, died at the age of sixty-four. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: William, who is a miner, of McKeesport, Pa.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Egly; Peter, who is deceased; Margaret, living in McKeesport, Pa.; and Catherine, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Egly: Catherine is deceased; William, who is a blacksmith in Valley township, this county, married May McClure, and they have four children, Esther, Ralph, Marie and Russell; John, who is a stone and marble cutter, at Apollo, Pa., is married and has two children, Lottie and Barkley; Margaret is the wife of Benjamin Stivison, of Kittanning, and has a family of nine children, Harry, Annie, Mary, Bertha, Arthur, Herbert, Blanche, Benjamin and Martha; Annie Elizabeth married Joseph Hobough, of Manor township, this county, and has four children, Mamie, Edna, Aubry and Hazel; George, a farmer of Kittanning township, is unmarried.

WILLIAM CALVIN DICKEY, a Washington township farmer, was born July 5, 1845, on the farm where he now lives, in the log cabin built by his father, William Dickey. Archibald Dickey, his grandfather, came to this country from Ireland, settling at Gettysburg, Pa., and later came to Manorville, Armstrong county. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He married Isabella George and their children were: John, William, James, Robert, George, Archibald, Jane and Isabella.

William Dickey, son of Archibald, was born at Gettysburg, Pa. He settled on a tract of 169 acres in Washington township, built a log cabin and led a most industrious life, helping to pay for his land by threshing during the winter; in those days the work was done with a flail. He was a very well-known and respected man in his day, serving twenty-five years as justice of the peace, and was also overseer of the poor. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He died in 1872, aged seventy-two years. His first marriage was to Ibbie Templeton, by whom he had ten children, only four of whom, however, reached maturity, namely: Eliza, Mrs. David McGarvas; Isabella, Mrs. Philip Templeton; Rachel, Mrs. Samuel Campbell, and Robert. For his second wife William Dickey married Mrs. Elizabeth (Barnett) Henry, widow of Nathaniel Henry, by whom she had one son, Stewart, born in 1840. There were two children by her union with Mr. Dickey, William Calvin and Sarah Ann, the latter born May 6, 1847. Mrs. Elizabeth Dickey died in 1884, at the age of seventy-nine years.

William Calvin Dickey has always remained on the home farm which has undergone many changes for the better under his ownership. He has erected modern buildings, and the entire place shows the efforts of intelligence management and well directed industry, for which he is noted. Like his father he is a Republican, and in religious connection he is a Lutheran. He is a citizen who commands the highest respect from all who know him.

Mr. Dickey's family consists of three children: Edwin, born July 24, 1907; George, born Aug. 20, 1910; and Charles Ralston, born in January, 1912.

WILLIAM R. JOHNSTON, of Sagamore, Pa., farmer and justice of the peace, was born in Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, Dec. 1, 1848, son of Andrew and Rebecca (Mahon) Johnston.

John Johnston, his grandfather, a native of Ireland, became one of the pioneers of Plum Creek township, where he bought about 150 acres of land which he cleared and improved, living upon it until his death. His wife was Jane McCreight and their children were: William; James; John; Andrew; Jane, who married Sharp McCreight; Sarah, who married James Mitchell; and Nancy, who married Hugh Sharp.

The maternal grandfather of William R. Johnston was William Mahon, of County Antrim, Ireland, who became a pioneer of Plum Creek township. There he, too, passed away, after clearing and improving a farm.

Andrew Johnston, son of John Johnston and father of William R. Johnston, was born on the old homestead which he assisted his father in clearing, and there his death occurred. His wife was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and she bore him the following children: John; William R.; Jane E., who married Marshall Lytle; Sarah B., who married Washington McLaughlin; Andrew A.; and Margaret, who married Fred Wegley.

William R. Johnston was brought up on the family farm and sent to the local public schools. He has always been a farmer, and since 1876 has resided upon his present farm of 102 acres in Cowanshannock township.

On June 25, 1876, Mr. Johnston married Emma North, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Bell) North, of Jefferson county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have had three children: Daniel O., who died at the age of twenty years; Angus, who married Mary Stewart and has a daughter, Grace; and Myrtle, who married G. C. Whitacre and died Aug. 30, 1912, aged thirty-two years, leaving five children, Roxie, John, Marie, Clark and William. Both Mr. Johnston and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church. He has served as a justice of the peace of Cowanshannock township since 1907, having been elected on the Republican ticket. He is an excellent farmer, good business man and efficient official, and stands high in the estimation of his associates.

D. H. KING owns a valuable tract of 182 acres in Madison township, located a half mile north of Kellersburg, Pa. Mr. King was born Aug. 5, 1860, in Valley township, this county, son of John and Sarah (Hollabaugh) King, of Pine township, who had a family of six children. John King disap-

peared about the time of the Civil war and has never been heard from since.

D. H. King was hired out to work when only ten years old, and from that time has lived in Madison township. He has been engaged principally in farming, and bought his present place from John Wyant and M. Smith, here carrying on general farming, and also operating a coal bank. At present there are no oil or gas wells on the farm. About eighty-five acres of this place are in woodland and pasture or rough land, but the remainder is under excellent cultivation, and Mr. King is prospering in his work. He is a well known resident of the township, where he has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of school director and roadmaster, having held the former office five years and the latter two years. He is a member of the Madison Township Grange, and has always been a Republican in political association. He attends the Lutheran Church.

Mr. King married Erna Bell Pence, daughter of John Pence, of Madison township, and they have had the following children: John, Robert (deceased), Anna Mary (deceased), Harry, Flora, Pearl, Frank, Flora (2), and a twin of Flora, that died unnamed.

HENRY GILBERT MILLER was born March 29, 1849, on the farm in Mahoning township, Armstrong county, where he still resides, and is successfully engaged in farming there in partnership with his brother. He is one of the prosperous citizens of his neighborhood, a public-spirited, useful member of the community, and commands the respect of all who know him.

Jacob Miller, his paternal grandfather, was born in eastern Pennsylvania, and settled in pioneer days at what is now Hawthorn, Clarion county, purchasing 100 acres of land upon which he lived and died. His son Jacob, father of Henry G. Miller, was born in Clarion county, and was an early settler of Mahoning township, Armstrong county, where he purchased 120 acres of land owned by his father, cleared and improved most of it, and later added fifteen acres adjoining, from the Procious farm. He also owned a farm of 105 acres situated in Red Bank township. Though he accomplished more than the average by his industry and thrift, he died in his prime, on his homestead in Mahoning township, June 18, 1865, when forty-seven years old. He married Susanna Shick, who was born in Armstrong county, daughter of Jacob Shick, of Red Bank township, and died May 10, 1896, at the age of seventy-four years. Twelve children were born to this union, eight of whom grew to maturity, namely: Elizabeth, who married Joseph R. Himes; Christina, who married William Haupt; Henry Gilbert; Ellen, deceased, who married Jacob F. Markle; Caroline, deceased, who married Daniel E. Lankerd; Adam J., who married Rebecca Kunselman; Minerva, who married Jonas Yount; and Jacob F., who married Jessie Snyder and has two children.

Henry Gilbert Miller has spent all his life on the family homestead, where he and his brother Jacob now live and work together. The property at present comprises 130 acres of valuable land, all under a high state of cultivation, and it is considered one of the best farms in Mahoning township. It is underlaid with valuable coal deposits, which have been sold to the Fairmount Coal Company, of New Bethlehem. Both the Miller brothers deserve the reputation they have gained as thoroughly progressive farmers, and they are enterprising business men in the management of their various interests.

FRANK MOORHEAD, late of Kittanning township, Armstrong county, where he followed farming for many years, was a well and favorably known resident of that district. He was born May 8, 1842, and was a native of Clarion county, Pa., where his father, John Moorhead, was also born. The family is of Scotch descent.

John Moorhead moved with his family to Armstrong county in 1850, and located in Manor township, where he and his wife resided to the end of their days. He was a farmer by occupation. He married a White, and they had a family of nine children, namely: John died in Kittanning township; Walker served during the Civil war in the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and died in Colorado; James, who is now living at Leechburg, Armstrong county, was in the 78th Pennsylvania Regiment during the Civil war, serving three years and three months; Frank is mentioned below; Polly is deceased; Lydia is the widow of Warren Sibley, of DuBois, Pa.; Rebecca is deceased; Sarah is deceased; Malissa is the wife of Washington Patrick, of Kittanning township. The father of this family was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Frank Moorhead was educated in the common schools. When a young man he worked in Jefferson county, Pa., in the pine woods. On Oct. 14, 1861, he enlisted at Kittanning,

becoming a member of Company B, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was under the command of Colonel Sirwell, and was sent to Pittsburgh, thence by boat to Louisville, Ky. They joined the Army of the Cumberland, and Mr. Moorhead saw active service at the battles of Green River (December, 1861), Rogersville (May, 1862), Lavergne (Oct. 1, 1862), Neelys Bend (Oct. 19, 1862), Goodlettsville (Dec. 5, 1862), Franklin (December, 1862), Stone River (Dec. 26 1862), Liberty Gap (Jan. 26, 1863), Hoover's Gap (December, 1863), McLemore Cove or Dry Gap (Sept. 10, 1863), Chickamauga (Sept. 10 to 23, 1863), Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge (November, 1863), Buzzard's Roost (May, 1864), Resaca (May 21 1864), New Hope Church (May 27, 1864), Kenesaw Mountain (June, 1864), train guard (June 27, 1864), Dalton (Aug. 14, 1864), Pulaski and Nashville. He was discharged Nov. 14, 1864. Though sick a great deal during the period of his service Mr. Moorhead did not go to hospital, finding a private stopping place.

Returning to his old home in Pennsylvania at the close of his service, Mr. Moorhead settled in Kittanning township, where he continued to reside until his death. He was an industrious man, successful in his farming operations, and one of the substantial and respected citizens of his community, enjoying the esteem of all who knew him. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and in politics was stanch in his allegiance to the Republican party.

On Dec. 6, 1866, Mr. Moorhead was married to Margaret Patrick, who was born on what is now the site of Wickboro, Armstrong county, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Graham) Patrick, both of whom were of Irish stock. They were born in Pennsylvania, and died in Armstrong county. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick had a family of six children: James Henry, who is deceased; John, now of Carbondale, Colo.; Margaret, Mrs. Moorhead; Clara, wife of Isaac Dunmire, of Manorville, Pa.; Nancy, living at Newcastle, Pa., wife of James Gray; and Mary, deceased.

To Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead were born the following children: A. S., who received his early education in the common schools near his home, also attending at Dayton and Edinboro, taught school for three terms, studied law, was admitted to the bar at Bradford, Pa., and is now engaged in practice at Allegheny, Pa. (he married Henrietta Beck); J. M. was educated in the local schools, and has always lived at home, following farming; Carrie married William Gidle and has two sons, Roy and George (they are living at Kittanning); Mona married Ira Montgomery, of Cowanshannock township, Armstrong Co., Pa.; Wade, deceased, was employed in Pittsburgh by the wholesale grocery firm of Johnson, Earl, McCleery & Meyers.

ANDREW J. McCORMICK, who has recently settled upon a fine farm in Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, was born Jan. 31, 1870, in Altoona, Pa., son of Marshall and Catherine (Kauffman) McCormick. His father was of Scotch-Irish extraction, and was engaged in business as a coal and coke merchant until his death, which occurred only three years after his marriage. He married Catherine Kauffman, daughter of Casper Kauffman, a native of Germany, and Andrew J. was their only child. Six years after Mr. McCormick's death Mrs. McCormick married Martin A. Hunger, of Elderton, Armstrong county, and she died in Altoona, Pa.

When three years old Andrew J. McCormick came to Armstrong county, first living at Elderton. Leaving home at the age of eight years he early began employment at farm work, which he followed continuously until 1894. From that time for about eighteen years he was in the mail service of the government, being thus engaged until 1912, in which year he settled upon the fine farm in Plum Creek township where he now makes his home. It is a valuable tract of seventy acres, which Mr. McCormick bought that year, and he expects to devote the principal part of his time to its cultivation. Mr. McCormick has been successful through his own efforts, and the fact that he had only eight months' schooling in his boyhood shows how hard he has had to work to overcome the lack of early advantages. He speaks German as well as English.

On Aug. 2, 1895, Mr. McCormick married Etta A. McClure, of Elderton, daughter of Thomas McClure, who had a family of four children. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick have had two sons and two daughters: Elmer R., born Nov. 5, 1899; Marshall T., born April 7, 1902; Mabel F., born Jan. 23, 1908; and Nellie Elena, born May 30, 1909. The family attend the United Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. McCormick is a member of the Republican party.

REUBEN BAUM, who is engaged in general farming in Boggs township, Armstrong county, was born May 14, 1830, in Westmoreland county, Pa., son of Jacob and Hannah Baum. Peter Baum, his grandfather, was a native of Germany and on coming to this country settled in Westmoreland county, where his son Jacob was born. The latter remained at home assisting his father until he bought a farm of his own in Valley township, Armstrong county, 200 acres. After a number of years he sold that place and moved to Boggs township, locating on the farm now owned by his son Reuben. The tract consisted of 112 acres, on which at that time few improvements had been made. There Mr. Baum continued to reside until his death.

Reuben Baum always continued at home with his parents. He was ten years old when his father moved to the farm in Valley township, Armstrong county, came with him to Boggs township, and took the homestead there upon his father's death. He has always devoted himself to general farming, in which he has been quite successful.

Mr. Baum married Fannie King, who died in 1906, at the age of seventy-two years. He has three children: Elizabeth, Margaret and ————.

DAVID SHUMAKER, of Mahoning township, belongs to one of the most prominent families of that part of Armstrong county, and is himself a creditable member of the same. He was born in Mahoning township Nov. 19, 1844, son of Joseph and Catherine (Baughman) Shumaker, grandson of Philip Shumaker, and great-grandson of John Shumaker, the founder of this branch of the family in America.

John Shumaker, a native of Germany, came to this country some time before the Revolution with six brothers, Solomon, Adam, George, Simon, Samuel and Daniel. George was the founder of another well-known branch of the family in western Pennsylvania. They settled first in Loudoun county, Va., whence John Shumaker came to Westmoreland county, Pa., about 1770. He purchased and cleared a large tract of land in Franklin township, making a permanent home on that place, where he died. He was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, in the American army, and also served during the Indian troubles in western Pennsylvania. His death was caused by injuries he had received during his army service. His wife was Mary Ann Baker, and they had two sons and three daughters, the sons being Philip and John.

Philip Shumaker, eldest son of John and Mary Ann (Baker) Shumaker, was born Jan. 25, 1784, in Westmoreland county, Pa., and died April 10, 1860. In 1814 he settled in what is now Mahoning township, Armstrong county (his brother John coming later), taking up 400 acres of land near Oakland, 200 acres of which he sold in 1824 to a favorite cousin, Peter Shumaker. He cleared and improved the 200 acres he retained, making a fine homestead, upon which he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there. He married Elizabeth Rose, who was born Nov. 18, 1790, and survived him, dying June 12, 1863. George Rose, her father, was born near Murrysville, Westmoreland county, Pa., and was a farmer and hotelkeeper. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker, as follows: Mary, born April 14, 1812, married Adam Smith, and died in 1887; John was born Oct. 22, 1813; Sarah, born Jan. 5, 1815, died young; Joseph, born April 9, 1819, is mentioned below; Isaac was born July 27, 1821; Philip was born March 2, 1825; Susanna, born July 20, 1827, married Robert Ferguson; Elizabeth, born May 17, 1831, married M. N. Hetrick; Samuel was born March 12, 1834. The father was a Whig in politics until 1856, when he became a Republican. He was a member of the German Baptist Church.

Joseph Shumaker, son of Philip, was born April 9, 1819. By purchase he acquired 100 acres of his father's original homestead and passed all his days on that place, dying there in December, 1860, at the comparatively early age of forty-one years. For twenty years he was a minister of the German Baptist Church, and he was one of the most respected citizens of the township in his day. He married Catherine Baughman, and they had a family of twelve children, six of whom grew to maturity: Hannah, who was twice married, first to Peter Kimmel and later to Dr. Richard T. Pollard; Isaac E.; David; Maria, who married Jacob Kimmel; Elizabeth, deceased; Levi, deceased; Adam, deceased; Solomon T.; Daniel L.; John, deceased; and two who died in infancy.

David Shumaker, son of Joseph and Catherine (Baughman) Shumaker, was reared to manhood on the old homestead and received a common school education. Farming has always been his occupation, and he has owned his present farm, a fine tract of 121 acres, since 1866. All the improvements on the

place, in the way of buildings and modern equipment, have been made by him, and the fine condition of the land is due to his excellent management and thorough cultivation along the most approved lines. Mr. Shumaker has not only been successful in his own work, but a capable worker in the public affairs of his township. His fellow citizens have given substantial evidence of their confidence in his ability and honor by electing him to various positions of trust, and he has served acceptably as school director, supervisor, assessor and tax collector. In politics he has been associated with the Republican party. He is a member of the German Baptist Church.

In July, 1867, Mr. Shumaker was married to Catherine L. Lamberson, daughter of Isaac and Martha (Nulph) Lamberson, of Mahoning township, and of the children born to this union five are living: Rosa, wife of John Kunselman; Mead L., who married Amanda Yount; Isaac Pritner, who married Martha Mohney; Dolly E., wife of M. A. Miliron; and Fred M., who married Minnie Adams.

WILLIAM SNYDER lives on the old Snyder homestead in Kittanning township, Armstrong county, having a fine farm of sixty-six acres, and he is one of the most esteemed citizens of his neighborhood. He is a native of the city of Allegheny, Pa., born Oct. 31, 1842, son of John and Rose (Mulligan) Snyder, both also of Pennsylvania. John Snyder lived in Pittsburgh when a young man, and married there. He was a hatter by trade. He moved to Freeport, Armstrong county, Pa., and later to Saltsburg, Indiana county, subsequently, in about 1849, settling in Kittanning township, Armstrong county. He followed farming in his later years, owning eighty-two acres of land. His first wife, Rose, dying in 1849, he subsequently married (second) Elizabeth Joy, who survived him, after his death becoming the wife of William Graham. By his first wife Mr. Snyder had two children: Albert and William, the former of whom died June 23, 1884, at the Soldiers' Home in Ohio; he served three years during the Civil war, being a member of Company B, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. By his second marriage John Snyder had children as follows: Caroline, who lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.; John, a printer, of Pittsburgh; Edward, a printer, of Pittsburgh; Walter, M. D., of Pittsburgh; and Osmond, also a printer, of Pittsburgh. The father of this family, now deceased, was a member of the Methodist Church. His first wife, Rose (Mulligan), was a Catholic in religious faith.

William Snyder was not sent to school during his boyhood and had no advantages of education to help him in his battle with life. Nevertheless he has made his way, has progressed steadily, and has been a good citizen and most desirable member of his community. He lived at home, working on the farm, and for three years was engaged in pine woods in Pennsylvania. In 1863 he enlisted in Company M, 14th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, was sent to Allegheny City to be fitted out, and from there on to Martinsburg to join the regiment. They were with the 6th Army Corps under General Sheridan. He served until the fall of 1865, taking part in the battles of Winchester, Bunker Hill (Va.), Fisher's Hill, Martinsburg, Front Royal, Newmarket, Ashby Gap, Middleton, and various skirmishes. Since the year of his marriage, 1883, Mr. Snyder has owned and lived upon his present place of sixty-six acres, the old Snyder homestead in Kittanning township, and has been successfully engaged in general farming. He has always been a stanch Republican in politics. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church.

On April 12, 1883, Mr. Snyder married Rebecca Yount, of Kittanning township, this county, daughter of George and Christina (Stivenson) Yount, both of Armstrong county. Mr. Yount served during the Civil war in Company M, 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, for three years, and died in September, 1865. His wife died Jan. 23, 1875. They were members of the Lutheran Church. They had three children: Samuel C., a mason, carpenter and wagonmaker, of Pennsylvania; George W.; and Rebecca, Mrs. Snyder.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder: George Richard, now deceased; Rose B., of Kittanning township; Lucile, of Kittanning township; and Carrie E., at home.

SAMUEL FRANKLIN MURPHY, of South Buffalo township, belongs to a family which has been settled in this part of Armstrong county since the closing years of the eighteenth century, founded here by his grandfather, Capt. Samuel Murphy.

Capt. Samuel Murphy was born in 1756 at Bull Skin, in Frederick county, Va., and being left an orphan at an early age was reared by Colonel Stinson, a Revolutionary officer.

When he first came to Pennsylvania it was on a trip to Pittsburgh to get a saddle for a certain doctor. In 1774 he was with the Earl Dunmore expedition, going into what is now southern central Ohio. Becoming a member of the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment he served through the Revolutionary war. He was captured by the Indians on the north fork of Salt river, in Kentucky, in the fall of 1781 and held prisoner one year, being taken by Simon Girty to an island in the St. Lawrence river, sixty miles above Montreal. His services during the Revolution and subsequent Indian wars were notable and highly valued, Major Denny calling him the best soldier he ever knew. He was very well acquainted with General Washington, and it is related that in his boyhood, at the instigation of Colonel Stinson, he played a practical joke on the General which so amused the latter that he gave him a silver coin. Shortly after the close of the Revolution he removed with his family to what is now Sharpsburg, living there, with the exception of some brief absences, until 1798. In 1792 he was appointed ensign and served six months. At the time of Massy Harbison's capture he and several others went out in an attempted rescue, but were unable to overtake her captors. In 1794 he was again appointed ensign. He assisted in laying out the town of Erie, and in 1798 came to Armstrong county, where the rest of his life was spent. He settled upon land which is still owned by his descendants, and "followed the quiet vocation of farming," though for several years he plowed Murphy's Bend with his rifle on his shoulder. Here he died in 1850. He was a large man, six feet, six inches in height, well built and powerful, well adapted physically for the dangerous and adventurous career which he led during the first half of his long life. His valor, courage and endurance stood him in equally good stead in his experience as a pioneer, and he was always highly esteemed among his associates. His wife, whose maiden name was Powers, was a native of Maryland, and was ten years younger than her husband. She died in 1820. They had a family of thirteen children, namely: (1) William, a farmer, removed about 1818 to Washington county, Ohio, and died there in his eighty-third year. (2) Thomas died in Mississippi. (3) Mary married James Patterson. (4) James P. is mentioned below. (5) Elizabeth married Benjamin King, a prominent citizen of Freeport. (6) Margaret never married. (7) Samuel lived in 1872 in California. (8) Benjamin, born May 10, 1815, was reared upon the old farm, part of which he owned and worked until his removal to Freeport, in 1879. He married Jane Green, daughter of James Green, of North Buffalo township, and they reared eleven children, James, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Samuel (who died in the service during the Civil war), Margaret, Emily, Walter P. (who became a prominent business man of Freeport), Isabella, Theodore, Sarah and Lovina. (9) Nancy never married. (10) Susan married William Truby. (11) John never married. (12) George P. is mentioned below. (13) Sylvester. All but William, Thomas and Samuel lived in Armstrong county.

Capt. James P. Murphy was born Sept. 10, 1796, at Sharpsburg, Pa., and was reared in Armstrong county. He lived at home to the age of twenty-five years, after which he became a river man, being employed as such, in different capacities, for twenty odd years. He piloted the first steamer of the Allegheny, in 1828. In 1850 he went overland to California, walking the greater part of the way. He was out there about a year, upon his father's death returning home and settling on his father's farm, where he and his sisters Margaret and Nancy, and his brother John, all of whom like himself remained unmarried, lived together. He was a man of the highest character and standing. Captain Murphy was killed on the Valley railroad.

George P. Murphy, son of Samuel, was born March 17, 1815, on his father's old homestead. At the age of seventeen years he went to live with his brother Samuel in Louisiana and was there three years, meantime attending school. Coming back home he taught school for a time. While in Louisiana he learned to manufacture gin mills, and after his return home he followed farming, carpentry and calking. In his latter life he lived and farmed where his son Samuel now lives. He served as overseer of the poor and in politics was a stanch Republican.

On May 21, 1840, he married Margaret Walker, who was born Aug. 19, 1814, in Gilpin township, this county, and died Feb. 14, 1892. He died Feb. 17, 1907. They were members of the Lutheran Church. The following children were born to them: James, born Aug. 25, 1842, who died aged nine years; Mary E., born Nov. 2, 1844, who died young; Margaret, born May 14, 1846, who died aged twenty-two years; Samuel F.; Oliver, born June 18, 1850, who died small; Maria, born Oct. 19, 1851, who died unmarried Jan. 25,

1890; and Eliza Jane, born Sept. 9, 1855, who died young.

Samuel Franklin Murphy was born Feb. 15, 1848, in Gilpin township, this county, and was given a common school education, living at home until his marriage. He has always followed farming, with the exception of a short period during 1877-78, when he was employed on public works at Tarentum and other places, and he has long made his home on his father's old property, engaged in general farming. He is well known and respected in the township, being a typical member of a family long considered one of the most substantial in this region. Though not an office seeker he has given three years of service as school director. In politics he is a Republican.

On Dec. 26, 1872, Mr. Murphy married Elizabeth M. Srader, who was born Nov. 26, 1850, in Pennsylvania, daughter of Philip Srader, of South Buffalo township, Armstrong county, Pa., who was a carpenter by trade, a contractor in that line, and also engaged in the lumber business. He went to Iowa, where he died. Mrs. Murphy died April 13, 1912. She was a member of the Lutheran Church, to which Mr. Murphy also belongs. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Murphy: (1) A daughter, born Sept. 30, 1873, died in infancy. (2) Margaret, born Nov. 30, 1874, was married Dec. 18, 1895, to Jacob B. Kennedy, and lives at Grand Junction, Colo. They have three children, Helen, Frank and Jean. (3) Harry Lee, born April 3, 1877, has been with the Philadelphia Gas Company for the last fifteen years, and lives at home. He is a Mason, and a director of the bank at Freeport, Armstrong county. (4) James Iseman, born March 24, 1879, is now in Butler county, Pa., in the oil fields. He married Bertha Conn, and they have two children, Gladys and Robert. (5) Nancy Jane, born Sept. 2, 1881, died July 22, 1902. (6) George Philip, born Sept. 16, 1891, attended the home school eight years, graduated from the high school at Freeport, studied one year at the Carnegie Technical School, and has been one year at the Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory, fitting himself for the profession of chemist.

WILLIAM GRANT McGLAUGHLIN (deceased) was for many years engaged in the hotel business at Parkers Landing, Armstrong county, as proprietor of the "Globe Hotel," which his father before him also conducted for several years. Mr. McGlaughlin was born July 9, 1864, in Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, Pa., son of John and Margaret (Roof) McGlaughlin, both of whom were Pennsylvanians by birth. They were residents of Parkers Landing for many years.

John McGlaughlin was at one time the owner of the ferry between Parker and Pollock, operating same for many years. In 1878 he erected the "Globe Hotel" in Parker City, the finest hotel at that place, and after conducting it for several years himself rented it and moved to Oil City, Pa., where he conducted the "United States Hotel" until his retirement from business. He then moved to Duquesne, Allegheny county, Pa., where he died in 1902. His family consisted of eight children: William Grant; Olive, who married Samuel Richard; George; Blanche, who married Jared Crawford; Bessie, who married William Russell; Maude, who married Louis Haberman; John, and Madge.

William Grant McGlaughlin was reared at Parkers Landing, where he received a public school education. He began work as an employee in the glass works of Thomas A. Wightman, at Parker, and in 1890 entered the hotel business, becoming proprietor of the "Globe Hotel," with which he was connected until his death, July 21, 1906. Mr. McGlaughlin was highly successful, giving that personal attention to the details of his business and the wants of his customers which is the secret of gaining and holding patrons. His house was popular, and he was its popular host. He was always interested in the public welfare of his borough, and served several terms as member of the council, giving excellent satisfaction to his fellow citizens. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner, an Odd Fellow and a member of the B. P. O. Elks. In politics he was identified with the Republican party.

In addition to his hotel business Mr. McGlaughlin was quite extensively interested in the oil field as operator and producer, being one of the most active factors in that industry in this locality. He was well known as a lover of horses, his special hobby being racers, of which he owned at different times several valuable specimens which he took on the circuit during the racing season. His death was caused by an accident which he met with while driving. He was driving down Bear Creek hill with his family when the harness broke and he was thrown from the buggy, breaking his leg. Five days later it was found that amputation would be nec-

essary, and he died as a result of the shock of the operation.

On March 30, 1886, Mr. McGlaughlin married Gertrude Wilson, daughter of Enoch and Elizabeth (Butler) Wilson, of Brookville, Pa. They became the parents of two children: Margaret Ruth and William Donald.

JOHN NOBLE, a well-known citizen of Worthington, where he has been engaged in business since he gave up farming, is a descendant of one of the oldest families of Armstrong county, being of the fourth generation of Nobles in this country.

William Noble, his great-grandfather, was among the pioneer settlers in what is now East Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he settled prior to 1800, purchasing 106 acres of land which he cleared and improved. It is now owned and occupied by his grandson, Harvey Noble. His wife, whose maiden name was Moon, was a native of Ireland, and they reared a family of six children, namely: William; John; Rosa, who married James Hindman; Polly; James, and Jane.

John Noble, son of William, spent all his life on the old homestead place. He married Eleanor Long, and they became the parents of six children: George; Margaret, who married James Monroe; Esther J.; William H.; Robert, and Harvey.

George Noble, son of John, has long been a prominent farmer of West Franklin township. He married Catherine McClatchey, whose father was a pioneer of West Franklin township, and they have a family of five children: Lizzie, wife of Samuel Sturgeon; John; Calvin G.; Clarence M.; and Ellen, deceased wife of Maynard Claypool.

John Noble, son of George, was born in West Franklin township Nov. 22, 1852, and was reared and educated there. He early became accustomed to farming, and in time engaged in that occupation on his own account, following it in his native township for a number of years. Eventually he embarked in the livery business at Worthington, also buying and selling stock, in which line he is still engaged, having made a success of his venture from the beginning. He is one of the substantial business men of the community in which he is settled.

On Feb. 4, 1874, Mr. Noble married Sarah A. Benton, daughter of Aaron and Margaret (Kennedy) Benton, of West Franklin township, and they have two living children, Harry W. and Orrie G. Mr. Noble and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE LOUSTER, a venerable resident of Kittanning township, Armstrong county, one of the best-known citizens of his section, was born Nov. 14, 1828, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, son of Martin and Catherine Louster, both of Hessen-Darmstadt.

Mr. Louster learned the trade of carpenter in his native land. He came to America in September, 1848, the ocean voyage taking fifty-two days, and landing at Baltimore, Md., proceeded westward by canal to Pittsburgh, Pa. At that time it took eight days to make the trip. He lived at Pittsburgh for seven years, during which time he followed the carpenter's trade and also worked as a millwright. Moving thence to Kittanning township, Armstrong Co., Pa., he acquired the ownership of some land and erected thereon a waterpower sawmill, and also a chopping-mill, which he operated for several years with considerable success. In August, 186—, he entered the Union army for service in the Civil war, being in Company A, 11th Pennsylvania Regiment, under the command of General Grant in the Army of the Potomac. He was discharged in 1865. Mr. Louster took part in the battle of the Wilderness and in several skirmishes, but he was sick a great deal of the time while in the army and was in hospital at Washington, D. C. Since the war he has continued to make his home in Kittanning township, following general farming. He is a man of intelligence and well read, in both English and German, is well preserved mentally and physically, and keeps well informed on current events. He has an excellent memory, and takes considerable interest in the affairs of the day, though he never at any time aspired to public office. He is a Republican in his political views. Mr. Louster is widely known and universally respected, having many warm friends in his locality.

Mr. Louster married Anna E. Halburgh, of Saxony, Germany, who died March 28, 1898. They had a family of nine children: Mary who lives in Kittanning township, Armstrong county; Katherine, who has always lived at home; George, superintendent of iron and steel mills at Youngstown, Ohio; Charlie; Alex, deceased; Louisa, who resides in Allegheny, Pa.; Sarah, living in Johnstown, Pa.; Frank, who makes his home in Valley township, Armstrong Co., Pa.; and Annie, living in Trade City, Pennsylvania.

LEE N. BUSH, clothing merchant of Leechburg, was born at Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Pa., Feb. 10, 1870, son of Henry E. Bush.

Henry E. Bush was born in Germany, and came to America in boyhood. Learning the tailor's trade, he followed it for a time at Pittsburgh before moving to Kittanning, where he was one of the early men in the clothing business in that borough. After fifty-four years of successful work in Kittanning Mr. Bush retired, dying at that place in 1893, and he is buried there. He married Mary J. Hutchinson, who passed away in 1887. Their children were: John B.; Philip H.; William J.; Cornelius, who died young; Frank; Robert, who died when thirty-two years old; Lincoln; Mary, widow of the Rev. George E. Titzel, a Lutheran minister who died at Greensburg, Pa., aged thirty-two years; Anna, wife of George P. Cook; James E., and Lee N.

Lee N. Bush attended public school at Kittanning and then learned the hardware business, in which he was engaged for three years and four months. He then embarked in the clothing business at Apollo, Pa., being in the employ of his brothers Frank and Lincoln, but in two years' time he came to Leechburg, where the brothers had a store which he afterward bought. Since then he has operated the business alone. This is the oldest clothing house in the borough, conveniently located on Market street. Mr. Bush carries a good line of clothing and men's furnishings, and his stock is at all times modern and fresh. He is a director and treasurer of the Gilpin Natural Gas Company of Leechburg.

Mr. Bush married Mary B. Watterson, daughter of James E. Watterson, of Kittanning. They have no children. Fraternally he belongs to Blue Lodge, No. 577, F. & A. M., Leechburg, and Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M., of Kittanning, and is a member of the Fire Company. A Republican in politics, he has served on the poor board for four years. For twelve years he has been a member of the council of the Lutheran Church, as well as financial secretary for eleven years, and he is also a teacher in the Sunday school, being deeply interested in religious matters.

CHRISTOPHER STENGER, of Ford City, Armstrong county, proprietor of the "Fifth Avenue Hotel," is a well-known young business man of that place and also has interests in his native city, Pittsburgh. He belongs to a family of German extraction, Adam Stenger, his grandfather, having come to America with his family from Frankfort, Germany, in 1855. He settled in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he and his wife both died, his death occurring when he was fifty-five years old, and hers in 1890. He was a butcher by occupation. Three of his children still survive: Annie, who is living in Pittsburgh; Martin, of Pittsburgh, and Adam, of Baltimore, Maryland.

Martin Stenger, son of Adam, was born in 1847 in Frankfort, Germany, and came to America with his parents. He attended public school in Pittsburgh and later learned the butcher's trade, which he followed all his active life, at present living retired. He and his wife are members of the Catholic Church. Of the children born to their union five are living: Martin, who is a butcher in Pittsburgh; Joseph, a hotel man at Webster, Pa.; Christopher; Rose, at home; and Emma, wife of John Miller, of Pittsburgh.

Christopher Stenger, son of Martin, was born Jan. 14, 1875, in the Sixth ward of Pittsburgh, and received his education in the Catholic schools there. He learned his father's trade, that of butcher, and commenced the business on his own account in 1897, being associated with his father for several years and also with J. W. Grove, in the meat trade. In 1910 he came to Ford City, where he has since owned and operated the "Fifth Avenue Hotel." In this connection he has become very well known in the borough, though a comparative newcomer. He was one of the organizers of the North Side Packing Company, which has a plant valued at $35,000 located on Spring Garden avenue in Pittsburgh, and has been president of this company for the last three years. His business ability and qualifications as a manager have been demonstrated in every capacity in which he has been called upon to act in his various connections, and he has made his enterprises prosper by strict attention to his interests and application to everything he undertakes. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

WALKER. The Walkers may justly be numbered with the old and substantial families of Pennsylvania, in many sections of which State its representatives may be found, and they follow the peaceful pursuits of agriculture as well as professional lives.

Benjamin Walker, grandfather of the members of this family of whom mention is to be made below, lived at Shelocta, Indiana Co., Pa., followed farming, and died there. He married Margaret Cunningham and seven children were born to them, namely: James

and Benjamin, both of whom died at Shelocta, Indiana county; Alexander; Robert; Jane, Mrs. Walker; Margaret, who married David Johnson; and Mary, who married a Mr. McCullom.

Alexander Walker, son of Benjamin, was born in Indiana county, Pa., and followed farming. Later moving to Armstrong county he settled in Wayne township, near Dayton, where he acquired a farm of 166 acres. This land he improved and cultivated and on it spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in March, 1876. In politics he was a Republican, and served as supervisor of his township. He was a member and official of the United Presbyterian Church and was buried in the graveyard of that church near Dayton, Pa. His wife, Margaret (McFarland), was a daughter of William McFarland, who lived near Bryan, Armstrong county. Mr. and Mrs. Walker had the following children: Nancy Jane is the widow of John Morrow, who died during the Civil war; Margaret C. married R. C. Kinter, of Dayton, Pa.; Mary Ann married Dr. Joseph Sharp, who was a physician at Dayton for many years; Elizabeth A. married W. R. Speer and resides in Wayne township; Sarah A. married Samuel Lydic and resides in Indiana county; Alexander G. is mentioned below; Maria L. is the widow of Peter Lord and lives in Wayne township; William B. is mentioned below; Frances E. is the wife of James Wilson and lives at Dayton, Pa.; Amanda C. married William McMillian of Indiana county; Duffey G. died young.

Alexander G. Walker, son of Alexander and grandson of Benjamin Walker, was born March 3, 1847, on the old homestead in Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he still resides. He attended the township schools and later Dayton Academy, and for five years taught school very acceptably. He then spent about four years in Jefferson county, where he was engaged in lumbering, after which he returned to Armstrong county and purchased the part of the homestead where he has since lived. He has made substantial improvements here, having erected all the buildings now on the place. He follows farming and stock raising.

Mr. Walker was married to Rebecca C. Findley, a daughter of Archibald Findley, and they had three children: Findley A., who died when three years old; William A., and Bert. Mr. Walker's second marriage was to Mrs. Martha (Heasley) Klingensmith, a daughter of Reuben Heasley and the widow of Laban Klingensmith, who was a son of Henry Klingensmith. Mr. Walker has six children by his second marriage, namely: Harry, Arlie, Margaret, Lewis, Elder and Fannie. The family belongs to the United Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Walker has been an elder for many years. He has long been influential in politics and on the Republican ticket was elected auditor of Armstrong county, which office he held for two terms, six years; he has served also as a member of the township school board, of which body he was president for some time and is now treasurer, and he has been township supervisor. He is one of Wayne township's representative men.

William B. Walker, M. D., physician and surgeon at Dayton, Pa., was born April 16, 1851, on the old Walker homestead in Wayne township, son of Alexander and grandson of Benjamin Walker. In boyhood he attended the township schools and later the Dayton Union Academy, where he graduated in 1872. He then spent one year as a school teacher, during this time reading medicine in the office of Dr. J. W. Sharp, at Dayton, with whom he resided, after which he entered the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, where he was graduated in 1876. The young physician then enjoyed a period of travel through the West, after which he located at Clarksburg, Indiana Co., Pa., and practiced there for twenty-six years. In 1909 he returned to his old home surroundings and established himself in his profession at Dayton, finding a ready welcome both personally and professionally. He is recognized as one of the most successful and skillful practitioners in this section of the State.

Dr. Walker married Ida Rosborough, and the following children were born to them: Clode who lives at Pittsburgh, Pa.; Clair, who is a resident of Clarksburg, Pa.; Alfred, of Dallas, Texas; Carrie, who married a Mr. Brown, of Clarksburg; Edith, Mrs. W. Lidick; and Flora B., Melvin, Bessie and Grace, at home. By his second marriage to Mrs. Jennie Hosack, Dr. Walker has one daughter, Grace. In politics Dr. Walker, like other members of his family, is a stanch Republican. He has served as councilman of the borough and in the fall of 1911 was elected a member of the school board. All public-spirited movements relating to the general welfare have his hearty support, and he is a stockholder in the Dayton Normal Institute and the Dayton Fair Association. He is a valued member of the medical bodies in both Armstrong and Indiana counties. Dr. and Mrs.

Walker are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

ANDREW MATTHIAS WOLFE, of Kittanning, insurance agent, representing the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York, was born Sept. 6, 1875, on the old homestead farm in Washington township, Armstrong county. He counts among his ancestors a number of pioneer families of the county who have furnished many good citizens to this section of Pennsylvania, the Wolfes, Lemmons, Earlys, and Bonners (or Bohners). He is descended from Revolutionary stock, and through his mother is a grandson of Col. Daniel Lemmon of the war of 1812, whose father, John Lemmon, was a soldier in the Revolution and one of the very earliest settlers in what is now Armstrong county, Pa., having made a settlement in 1785 on a tract of land called the "Roan." Subsequently he removed to Kentucky. He was granted a pension by the government. Among his descendants are the brothers Barclay and Daniel Nulton, attorneys. One James Lemmon was a member of Col. John Armstrong's company, 1756-59.

John Wolfe, the great-grandfather of Andrew M., was born Jan. 27, 1791, and died Jan. 29, 1856. Settling in Washington township, where he had secured about two hundred acres of wild land, he put up log buildings and there made a permanent home, remaining at that location until his death. He was one of the founders of the Lutheran Church at Limestone, in Washington township. He married Ann Margaret Sontel, who was born March 4, 1796, and died Oct. 17, 1885. They had a large family, viz.: Michael, born Dec. 12, 1813, died June 20, 1883; Matthias is mentioned below; Eve, born Jan. 6, 1819, died in 1863 (Mrs. John); Christena, born July 5, 1821, died Nov. 17, 1907 (married Bartholomew Wyant); Jacob, born April 17, 1824, died March 17, 1893; John, born Oct. 24, 1826, died April 1, 1901; Valentine, born March 17, 1829, died July 18, 1908; Diana, born Oct. 9, 1831, married Samuel Dickey, son of Rev. Mr. Dickey; George King, born Oct. 21, 1836, died Aug. 30, 1907; Ann Margaret, born July 12, 1838, married William Fair; there was also another daughter.

Matthias Wolfe, son of John, was born Sept. 21, 1815, east of the mountains, and was very young when the family settled in Armstrong county. After living at various locations he bought the place on part of which his son John now lives (the latter owning forty-five acres), at the time of his purchase partly improved, and having log buildings. Here he spent the rest of his days, dying in his prime, May 22, 1865. He was killed by a runaway team. In the fall of 1861 Mr. Wolfe enlisted in Company G, 103d Pennsylvania Volunteers, and he served until the following March, being discharged on account of disability. He was a Lutheran in religious connection and a Republican in politics.

On June 8, 1837, Mr. Wolfe married Elizabeth Early, and their children were born as follows: William, May 20, 1838 (died same year); Evaline, May 19, 1840 (died Feb. 14, 1912); Andrew, Aug. 14, 1843 (died from exposure in 1863, while serving in the Civil war as a member of the 103d Pennsylvania Regiment); Mary Ann, Aug. 16, 1845 (deceased); John Early, April 11, 1850; Harriet, April 20, 1854; Margaret E., April 13, 1856; Catherine, Dec. 9, 1860 (died March 11, 1863).

John E. Wolfe was born in Madison township, this county, and was but one week old when he moved to the place in Washington township where he has ever since had his home. He assisted his parents and after his father's death remained home to help his mother, eventually taking charge of the property, part of which he now owns. It is located midway between Rimerton and Montgomeryville. He has improved it in many ways, making it thoroughly up-to-date, and has a particularly fine orchard, making a specialty of fruit growing in his agricultural operations. He has been very active in township affairs, and has held several important offices, having served as township treasurer, supervisor and school director. Politically he is a Republican. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church, with which the family has long been associated, he and his wife belonging to St. Mark's Church.

On Dec. 24, 1872, Mr. Wolfe married Eleanor Lemmon, who was born in Armstrong county Feb. 17, 1854, daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Bonner) Lemmon, and they have had seven children: Charles A., born Dec. 10, 1873, a merchant at Wickboro, Pa., married Laura McGaughey (they have no children); Andrew Matthias is mentioned below; Elizabeth A., born Sept. 25, 1877, married Edward S. Spencer, of Los Angeles, Cal., and has two children, Fred and Josephine; James H., born Sept. 2, 1879, in the grain elevator business near Lincoln, Nebr., married Mary Dennis (no children), Arthur Chester, born March 15, 1882, married Myrtle McGarvey and has one child, Ellen; Sarah Jane, born Sept. 8, 1888,

is with her brother Charles in the store at Wickboro; and John T. Sherman, born Jan. 16, 1891, died Oct. 16, 1901.

Andrew Matthias Wolfe was reared on the home farm and attended the local schools until eighteen years old. Meantime he had acquired considerable familiarity with farming assisting in the work at home, and after leaving school he did farm work on his own account for two years. He next worked in the oil region in McKean county, Pa., for one year, after which he became employed in the Kittanning brick works, where he continued for about ten years. For the two years following he was in a wholesale produce house at Kittanning, and then worked in a flouring mill, which he managed for a year. But he could not stand the dust and he made a change, taking up the insurance business, in which he has since been engaged. He represents the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and has established a fine business by his application and close attention to his work.

On July 23, 1902, Mr. Wolfe married Carrie Orr, at New Castle, Lawrence Co., Pa., and they have a family of four children, James E., Charles R., Henry Paul and Maxine. Mr. Wolfe owns the home at No. 1415 Johnson avenue, Kittanning, which he occupies with his family. He is a member of the Kittanning Lodge, No. 321, K. P., and his religious connection is with St. John's Lutheran Church, to which his wife also belongs.

Mrs. Wolfe was born in Wayne township, Armstrong county, daughter of James K. Orr, a painter by trade, now in the employ of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. He and his wife Harriet (Bargerstock) had a family of children as follows: Mary, widow of Frank Cunningham, a Spanish-American war veteran; Henry; Carrie, Mrs. Wolfe; James E.; Fannie, widow of George Willard Bruner; Gertrude, wife of George Brunt, of Ford City; Hazel, wife of Harvey Martin, of Kittanning, and George.

Capt. Richard Orr, from whom Mrs. Wolfe is descended, founded one of the oldest families of Armstrong county, which down to the present has furnished some of the most substantial, intelligent and respected citizens of the county. He was a faithful defender of the Colonial cause during the Revolution, raised a company for Lochry's disastrous expedition, was taken prisoner at that time, and was one of the four of Lochry's men who returned. An extensive account of his services in the war and his subsequent life may be found in his sketch elsewhere in this work.

GEORGE A. FENNELL, farmer of Bethel township, Armstrong county, has lived at his present home there for the last twenty years. He is a native of Butler county, Pa., born Oct. 1, 1858, son of George Fennell, of Westmoreland county. His grandfather and grandmother were born in Westmoreland county, this State. George Fennell married Mary Jane Keeler, of Armstrong county, and they became the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters, namely: William, who is deceased; Anthony; George A.; Melissa; Mary C.; Nannie Bell, deceased; John T.; Bertha; and Arthur G.

George A. Fennell was reared in Armstrong county, being but three years old when his parents brought him here. Until he was eighteen years old he assisted with the work on his father's farm as well as mining, after which he followed mining and other occupations until his marriage. Then he settled down to farming, to which he gave all his time until 1907, in which year he opened his general store, which he conducts in connection with his agricultural work.

In 1881 Mr. Fennell was married to Jennie Nunamaker, of Armstrong county, Pa., and they have had a family of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters: Perry Edgar, who is an electrician; Roy Victor, also an electrician; Arthur Earl, a miner; William H., a miner; Elsie Bertha; Charles Calvin, a miner; Clyde Grover, a miner; Bessie May; Ralph F., at home; Harry Walter, at home; and Mildred, deceased. The sons are associated with various local fraternal organizations, Perry Edgar belonging to several lodges, William H. to the Odd Fellows and P. O. S. of A., and Arthur E., Charles C. and Clyde G. also holding membership in the P. O. S. of A. Mr. and Mrs. Fennell are members of the Homewood Baptist Church, and he was formerly a member of White Rock Lodge, No. 979, I. O. O. F., having joined that order when a young man of twenty-three.

Mrs. Fennell was one of a family of six children born to Jacob and Catherine (Zell) Nunamaker, of Loyalhanna creek, Westmoreland county.

WILLIAM K. KUHNS, a veteran of the Civil war, long a farmer of Gilpin township, Armstrong county, was born in Allegheny (now Gilpin) township, Sept. 19, 1839, son of David and Hettie Esther (Steck) Kuhns.

Bernard Kuhns, great-grandfather of Wil-

liam K., was one of the early settlers of Northampton county, Pa. Prior to 1780 two of his sons, John and Philip, settled on a 600-acre tract of land which their father had patented years before, two miles from what is now Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

John Kuhns, son of Bernard Kuhns, was born in one of the eastern counties of Pennsylvania, and came to Westmoreland county in young manhood. A business man of ability, he became a large landowner. His death occurred at Greensburg, Pa. His wife, whose maiden name was Marchand, also died at Greensburg. Their children were: Jacob, who died at Saltsburg, Pa.; David, father of William K.; Samuel, who died in Greensburg; Daniel, who died in Harrison City; John, who died in Ohio; Reuben, who died in Harrison City; Eliza, who married William King; and Hon. Joseph, who served as Congressman of his district in Westmoreland county, and was a very prominent man (he died at Greensburg).

David Kuhns, son of John Kuhns, was born in Greensburg, Pa., in 1791. He was a tanner by trade, but later became a farmer. Coming to Allegheny township, this county, he took up a tract of 400 acres of land, a portion of his father's estate, which is now included in Gilpin township. On this property he built a log cabin, and began clearing off his land. Later he replaced the primitive home with one more pretentious, and built a substantial barn. The remainder of his useful life was spent on this property, which he operated until his death. Until the formation of the Republican party, he was an old-line Whig, but following 1856 was a strong advocate of the principles of the new party. Although active in politics he would never accept public office. He and David Leech, the founder of Leechburg, were warm personal friends. A Lutheran in religious matters, Mr. Kuhns was a charter member of the Hebron Lutheran Church of Leechburg. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. David Kuhns were: John died at Oil City; Eliza married Daniel Hill; Lewis, who died in Washington, D. C., was a Lutheran minister; Esther (Hettie) is the widow of Salem Hill; Rebecca married Benson Shrader and lives in South Buffalo township, near Freeport; William K. is mentioned below; David is deceased. John Michael Steck, the maternal grandfather of this family, was a minister in Westmoreland and Armstrong counties.

William K. Kuhns was reared in his native township, where he attended the local school, and later engaged in farming, having been taught the rudiments of that calling in boyhood. In 1862 he bought the homestead farm, where he now resides, which now comprises ninety acres of fine land for agricultural purposes. This property is located in the forks of the two rivers, the Allegheny and Kiskiminetas. His entire life has been spent in Gilpin township, and he is now the oldest living citizen who was born there.

In August, 1864, Mr. Kuhns responded to the call of his country, enlisting in Company K, 6th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and served until the close of the conflict, when he was honorably discharged at Fort Ethan Allen.

In 1861 Mr. Kuhns was married to Susan Townsend, a daughter of Isaac Townsend. The Townsends are a substantial family of Westmoreland and Armstrong counties. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kuhns: Mary E., who married Joseph Millen; Hettie H., who married John Smail; Emma R., who married H. J. Wagaman; Lewis M., who is at home; and a son that died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Kuhns is a Republican. He belongs to Hebron Lutheran Church at Leechburg, which he has served as deacon and elder. The Lutheran Church has received valuable support from the Kuhns family, a brother of Mr. Kuhns having been a minister of the faith, while the maternal grandfather, Rev. Mr. Steck, was long connected with the denomination in Westmoreland and Armstrong counties during the early days of the religious history of this section. Mr. Kuhns is a member of Capt. J. A. Hunter Post, No. 123, G. A. R., of Leechburg. He is one of the best known men in his locality, and is held in high esteem by all. He numbers his friends by legions, for he is always willing to do a kindly deed. His life has been worthy, and governed by the principles of practical Christianity.

JOHN R. TAYLOR, a member of the firm of Findley & Taylor, general insurance, Freeport, Pa., was born July 1, 1862, in Armstrong county, son of David H. and Jane (Ritchie) Taylor.

David H. Taylor was born in Scotland and came to America in 1854, locating at Pittsburgh, Pa., where he remained for a short time. He then went to Iowa, where he lived one year, returning to Pittsburgh, where he continued to work at his trade, that of stone-

mason, for two years. His next employment was in the oil fields, and later went back to Pittsburgh. For some time he was interested in the production of salt in Armstrong county, after which he moved to Freeport and bought a stone quarry, which proved a profitable investment, this quarry being one of the best in the State. He was a hard working man all his life and accumulated a competency. At Pittsburgh he married Jane Ritchie, who died in 1883, the mother of five children. Mr. Taylor died in 1907.

John R. Taylor was the third of his parents' children. He attended school until he was fourteen years old and continued to live at home until his thirty-fifth year. Like his father, Mr. Taylor has been a very industrious man. He served as an apprentice to the mason's trade for three years after working on the railroad and on the pipe line in the Butler county oil fields, dressing tools and drilling wells. For fifteen years he served as night yardmaster at Kiskiminetas Junction, and previously had been a railroad station agent's clerk. In 1900 he came to Freeport and became a clerk in a real estate and insurance office, entering upon his duties on March 10th of that year, and continuing until July 1, 1900, when he embarked in business for himself with Mr. Findley as a partner. The firm represents the old line companies, and writes fire, accident, plate glass and burglary insurance. In politics Mr. Taylor is a Republican and fraternally is a Mason, being a past master of the blue lodge.

BENJAMIN J. LONGWELL, M. D., of Seminole, Armstrong county, has been in practice only a few years at that point, but he has already attained high standing in this section and commands a wide patronage. Besides attending to his private practice he acts as surgeon for the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Railway Company, and for the Allegheny River Mining Company of Seminole. Dr. Longwell is of Irish extraction. His grandfather, David Longwell, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, came to the United States with his family in the year 1847, and settled at Beechwoods, Jefferson Co., Pa. He was a school teacher by profession, and is said to have taught the first school in the section where he located, continuing to follow that vocation until his death, which occurred at Beechwoods, when he was seventy-three years old. His wife, Eliza (Cunningham), who died in Ireland, bore him two sons, David and Cunningham, both of whom are now deceased.

David Longwell, son of David and Eliza (Cunningham) Longwell, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and came to this country with his father. He became a farmer, following that occupation at Beechwoods, Jefferson county, where he owned and cultivated a tract of two hundred acres which he had cleared and improved. He died there in March, 1904, at the age of seventy-three years. He married Catherine Shaw, who was born in Jefferson county, Pa., daughter of William and Elizabeth (Wolf) Shaw, natives of Ireland who were pioneer settlers at Beechwoods, Jefferson Co., Pa. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Longwell: Elizabeth, who married W. B. Holt; Susan, at home; David; Cargill, who lives on the old homestead; Anna, deceased; William J., who occupies part of the family homestead; and Benjamin J. All of this family were reared on the old farm in Jefferson county.

Benjamin J. Longwell was born Dec. 12, 1879, at Beechwoods, Jefferson Co., Pa. He began his education in the common schools near his home, later attending high school at Brockwayville, Jefferson county, and the Ohio Northern University (normal) at Ada, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated in 1899. He entered the medical department of the Ohio State University, at Columbus, Ohio, the same year, completing his medical course in 1903. He began practice at once in Elk county, Pa., locating at Dagus Mines, where he remained for two years, removing thence to Shawmut, same county, where he was engaged until he came to Seminole, Armstrong county, in February, 1910. Here he has since been actively and successfully following general practice, and in his various connections has become widely known over this territory. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association, and fraternally is an Odd Fellow and a Mason; he has attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry.

On June 8, 1910, Dr. Longwell married Cecelia Shutz, a native of Germany.

JOHN THOMAS OVERHEIM, proprietor of the Parker Feed Mills, of Parker's Landing, was born Sept. 15, 1888, at that place, now known as Parker City, son of John C. and Jennie (Ralston) Overheim, natives of Venango county, Pa., and Ireland, respectively.

Daniel Overheim, his grandfather, was a native of Germany, a blacksmith by trade, and one of the early settlers in Venango county, Pa. In his later years he moved to Parker City, Pa., where his death occurred.

John C. Overheim was a blacksmith in young manhood, and still follows his trade at Parker City, whither he came, early in the seventies. His five children were: Elizabeth, John T., Ethel, Eugene (deceased) and Ralph.

John Ralston, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Overheim, was a native of Scotland, and settled at Monterey, Clarion Co., Pa., where he engaged in farming and mining.

John Thomas Overheim secured his education in the public schools of his native place. When only eight years old he began his business career as a newsboy, and later he worked on a farm for twenty-five cents per day. Then he obtained employment at the Wightman Glass Works, and for two years was a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad. In December, 1908, he embarked in the feed business at Parker City and has carried it on very successfully, earning at the same time the unlimited confidence of those with whom he is associated.

On Aug. 29, 1911, Mr. Overheim was married to Ora A., daughter of John Buzzard of Monterey, Pa. Mr. Overheim is a member of the M. E. Church. Fraternally he is a member of Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 782, I. O. O. F., and Central Encampment, No. 206, of Foxburg. In politics he is a Republican. All in all, Mr. Overheim is one of the leading young business men and public-spirited citizens of Parker City, one who would be a valued asset to any community.

DANIEL BOWSER, oil producer, of Parkers Landing, was born Aug. 9, 1840, in Washington township, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of Jonathan and Matilda (Edwards) Bowser. Philip Bowser was his paternal great-grandfather.

Abraham Bowser, son of Philip, married Mary Edwards, and lived for a period in Bedford County, Pa., but became one of the pioneers of Washington township, this county, where he bought a small farm. This property continued to be his home until his death. He and his wife had children as follows: Valentine; Catherine, who married Leonard Stantz; Elizabeth, who married Stacy King; Jane, who married John Booker; Hapsey, who married John Booker; Hettie, who married Henry Booker; Susannah, who married Henry Booker; Jonathan; Abraham, and John.

Jonathan Bowser, son of Abraham, was by trade a shoemaker, although he was engaged along other lines as well, spending his entire life in Washington township, where he died aged forty-five years. His children were: Daniel; Christina, who married Charles Homburger; Polly, who married William Taylor; Adam, and Albert.

The maternal grandfather of Daniel Bowser, Charles Edwards, was also a pioneer of Washington township. He married Mary Curry.

Daniel Bowser was brought up in Washington township, receiving a good common school education. When he was needed in the Civil war he enlisted, Aug. 20, 1862, in Company D, 103d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the battles of Kinston, Goldsboro and Plymouth, being taken a prisoner at the latter engagement and sent to Andersonville. There he was kept eleven months, and then paroled. Mr. Bowser received his honorable discharge Aug. 20, 1865, at Alexandria, Va. Coming back home he engaged in farming, and continued thus until 1872, when he settled at Parkers Landing, which has since been his home. During this period he has been engaged in a livery and butchering business, at different times, but now looks after the valuable oil lease of eighty-five acres he owns in Perry township, on which he has two good producing wells, with every indication of more.

On Aug. 18, 1862, Mr. Bowser was married to Mary Ann, daughter of John P. and Elizabeth (Campbell) Davis, of Franklin township. The following children have been born of this marriage: Ola, who married Frank Claypool; Charles; Dalla May, who married George B. Downing; William; Frederick; Emma J., who married Percy Perrine, and Matthew. Mr. Bowser is a member of the Baptist Church. Socially, he belongs to the Ex-prisoners of the Civil War. Politically a Republican, he has served as a councilman of Parker City, and is one of the representative men of his locality.

WILLIAM NORRIS GRAY owns a fine farm of 133 acres in Kittanning township, Armstrong county, which includes the old Gray homestead upon which he was born May 26, 1860.

The family is of New England stock. Aaron Gray, his father, was born in Kittanning township, Armstrong Co., Pa., and with

the exception of the time he was in the army there passed all his life, engaged in farming. Though he had few opportunities for schooling, he became a well-educated man, self-taught, and he was an intelligent and useful citizen. In 1862 he enlisted for service in the Union army, and had served about a year at the time of his death. He contracted smallpox, which proved fatal, and he died at Washington, D. C., where he is buried. He married Margaret Wagner, of Armstrong county, Pa., who after his death became the wife of William Collum, a native of Ireland, who is a farmer and still living in Kittanning township. Mrs. Collum died in 1892. She was a member of the M. E. Church. By her marriage to Mr. Gray she was the mother of four children, George, Catherine, Jeremiah and William Norris, the last named being the only survivor. The only child born to her union with Mr. Collum is also deceased.

William N. Gray has always lived in Kittanning township. He received his education in the common schools near his early home. When a young man he acquired a thorough knowledge of the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a period of fourteen years, working at Pittsburgh, Ford City and elsewhere. Since then he has been engaged in general farming at his present place in Kittanning township, owning 133 acres, of which the old home place forms a part. He has made many improvements on this property since it came into his possession, being a thrifty and industrious worker, whose well-directed labors are apparent in every part of the farm. He raises wheat, oats, rye and corn, cattle, horses and hogs, and has been very successful. He has taken considerable interest in the welfare of the locality, and for the last four years has held the office of supervisor. In politics he is a Democrat. His religious connection is with the M. E. Church.

Mr. Gray married Elizabeth Collum, who was born in Ireland, and they have a family of four children, namely: Margaret, now the wife of John Barker, a farmer of Valley township, this county; and William John, David L. and Mamie, all at home.

JESSE DAVID SEDWICK, D. D. S., a dentist of high standing in Kittanning, has practiced there since his graduation, and has been a resident of the borough since he was eight years old. He was born in Bruin, Butler Co., Pa., Dec. 22, 1888, son of W. G. and Lavina Jane (Weeter) Sedwick.

W. G. Sedwick was born at Callensburg, Clarion Co., Pa., and grew to manhood in that county, receiving his education there. His wife, also a native of Clarion county, was a daughter of David Weeter. Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sedwick have lived in Clarion, Butler and Armstrong counties, their home at present being in Kittanning, where he is engaged as a carpenter and contractor. He is a member of the Free Methodist Church, and politically active in the Republican party but not an office seeker.

As previously stated, Jesse David Sedwick came to Kittanning with his parents when eight years old, and here he attended public school. His higher education was acquired at the University of Pittsburgh, where he took his dental course, graduating in the class of 1909. Returning home he bought out Dr. F. L. Gould, at that time located in the Brown building, but established himself in the Post Office building, where he remained for a year before coming to his present location at No. 211 Market street. His work has proved to be of the highest class and has brought him a steady patronage, and he is also well thought of among his professional brethren, being a well-known member of the Armstrong County Dental Association, of which organization he was secretary for two years. Like his father he is a Republican in politics, but he has not taken any active part in such matters.

On Dec. 25, 1911, Doctor Sedwick married Nettie R. Shafer, daughter of Israel Shafer, and they have one child, J. Dwight. They reside at the corner of Queen and High streets, Kittanning.

CHARLES MOORE, a retired farmer of Valley township, Armstrong county, has lived on his farm there for many years and is one of the old and respected residents of his locality. He was born in August, 1839, in County Donegal, Ireland, son of Charles and Jane (Hayes) Moore, and was about nine years old when they came to America with most of their family. They were the parents of the following children: Matthew, Elizabeth, John, Rebecca, Ann Jane, Gracie (who married Moses Park and remained in Ireland), William, Sarah, Charles, and one that died in infancy in Ireland. The voyage to this country was made in a sailing vessel and took five weeks, all arriving safely. Settling in Lancaster county, Pa., the father followed farming there until his removal to Boggs township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in his one hundredth year. The children re-

mained on this farm until they moved to their own homes, and the mother died there.

Charles Moore when he began farming on his own account settled on a tract of 240 acres in Valley township, but he has sold off some of the land, now having 135 acres. The first buildings were a large log barn and a log house, which served their purpose until the modern buildings which now adorn the place could be erected. The place has been carefully cultivated and well kept up during the ownership of the Moore family, and it is now a valuable piece of property, a credit to the owners and to the locality. Mr. Moore has always been a Republican in his political sympathies, but he has not been active either in party affairs or in the public life of the community. In religious matters he has been associated with the United Presbyterians.

Mr. Moore married Bell Dilley, who was born in Cowanshannock township, this county, near Rural Valley, daughter of William Dilley. Mrs. Moore died in April, 1905, at the age of fifty-seven years. Four children were born to this union: Martha, who is now the wife of Lawrence Stutsell, of Cowanshannock township; Albert, who is deceased; Lizzie, wife of William Stepp, living near Blanco, Armstrong county; and John D.

JOHN D. MOORE, who now owns and operates the home farm, was born Nov. 29, 1882, on the home place in Valley township, where he has resided most all his life. At the age of seventeen he began to work independently, and for some time was in the employ of the People's Gas Company, being married during that period. For eighteen months he made his home at Leechburg, there working in the American Sheet Steel Mill, and five years ago he returned to the old homestead, where he has since been engaged in farming. He gives all his attention to his agricultural interests, which are prospering under his intelligent care, and he is regarded as one of the industrious and reliable young citizens of his neighborhood, worthy of the good opinions of his neighbors and friends. He has served as school director, and in politics is usually on the side of the Republican party, favoring good government and progressive measures, however, regardless of party.

Mr. Moore was married to Ollie Olinger, and they have had two children: Charles Adam, born Jan. 16, 1908; and Ray Olinger, born Jan. 18, 1910.

JOSEPH T. SHOEMAKER, for thirty-five years justice of the peace of Mahoning township, Armstrong county, belongs to a family which has been settled in that township for a century. His great-grandfather, John Shumaker, a native of Germany, came to America prior to 1770 with six brothers, Solomon, Adam, George, Simon, Samuel and Daniel. George was the founder of another well-known branch of the family in western Pennsylvania. They settled first in Loudoun county, Va. John Shumaker was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, serving in the American army, and also served during the Indian troubles in western Pennsylvania. He was an early settler in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he purchased and cleared a large tract of land in Franklin township, making a permanent home there. He died in that county, as the result of wounds received during his army service. His wife was Mary Ann Baker, and they had two sons and three daughters, among them a son Philip.

Philip Shumaker, son of John, was born Jan. 25, 1784, and died April 10, 1860. In 1814 he settled in what is now Mahoning township, Armstrong county, taking up 400 acres of land, 200 acres of which he sold in 1824 to a favorite cousin, Peter Shumaker. He cleared and improved the 200 acres he retained, making a fine homestead, upon which he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there. He married Elizabeth Rose, who was born Nov. 18, 1790, and survived him, dying June 12, 1863. George Rose, her father, was born near Murrysville, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and was a farmer and hotelkeeper. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker, as follows: Mary, born April 14, 1812, married Adam Smith, and died in 1887; John was born Oct. 22, 1813; Sarah, born Jan. 5, 1815, died young; Joseph, born April 9, 1819, was a minister of the German Baptist Church; Isaac was born July 27, 1821; Philip was born March 2, 1825; Susanna, born July 20, 1827, married Robert Ferguson; Elizabeth, born May 17, 1831, married M. N. Hetrick; Samuel was born March 12, 1834. The father was a Whig in politics until 1856, when he joined the Republican party. He was a member of the German Baptist Church.

John Shumaker, son of Philip, was born Oct. 22, 1813, in Westmoreland county, Pa., and was reared in Mahoning township, Armstrong county, where he passed all his life. He was a prominent farmer of his day, own-

ing and improving 320 acres now the property of his sons Simon A. and Philip W., and after retiring from active work, in 1883, made his home with his son Philip until his death, which occurred in November, 1901. He married Ruth Davis, daughter of Bernard and Sarah (McClain) Davis, natives of Ireland, and pioneers of Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker, eleven of whom grew to maturity, namely: Eliza, who married Thomas W. Marshall; Joseph T.; Simon A.; Susan, who married George Balsiger; Philip W.; Emily C., who married Samuel Balsiger; Davis G.; Amanda M., who married Jacob Johnson; William T., deceased; Mary M., who married Dr. Harry Sadler; and James K.

Joseph T. Shoemaker was born May 26, 1837, in what is now Mahoning township and was reared there on the paternal homestead. Beginning his education in the common schools of the neighborhood, he later attended normal school at Putneyville, and when he was a young man of twenty taught school one winter. He then took a course in the Iron City Business College, at Pittsburgh, and when Hamilton, Shoemaker & Co. opened their store, in the late fifties, he entered their employ as clerk. After six months with that concern he again took up school teaching, at which he was engaged for several terms in Mahoning township. He then accepted a position as clerk in the general store of James A. Truitt, at Oakland, this county, remaining with them in that capacity for a period of two years, at the end of which he again entered the Iron City Business College, receiving his diploma from that school in 1860. He then went to Oil City, purchased a lot and built himself a shanty, and remained there for six months. Returning to Mahoning, he was appointed assignee of the bankrupt firm of Hamilton, Shoemaker & Co., and in June, 1861, purchased the goods at their appraisal. He conducted the business on his own account very successfully until 1879, when he sold out. For five seasons after that he was engaged in peeling bark, in Elk county, and then again went to Oil City, clerking for two years in a hardware store. For fifteen years Mr. Shoemaker was assistant postmaster at Oakland, Armstrong county, and he has been a justice of the peace continuously for the last thirty-five years; he was re-elected for his present term in the fall of 1911, for six years. In political connection he is a Republican, and he has been quite active in the interests of the party. He is a member of the regular Baptist Church at New Bethlehem.

During the Civil war Mr. Shoemaker enlisted, becoming a member of Company G, 57th Pennsylvania Regiment, Emergency Men, and was sent to Ohio, where he assisted in the capture of General Morgan, who was then raiding that State. He was honorably discharged after three months of service.

On Oct. 3, 1865, Mr. Shoemaker married Martha A. Ritchey, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Calhoun) Ritchey, of Pine township, this county, and granddaughter of Judge John Calhoun, of Armstrong county. Of the children born to this union seven are living, namely: Harry C., Eddy O., Lucius I., Gertie (wife of Ellsworth W. Bowser), Ralph, Mary L. and Charles.

ROBERT MARTIN, justice of the peace, is still living on his farm in Boggs township, Armstrong county, though he has retired from active farm work. He has been a resident of that place since 1852. Mr. Martin was born in Lancaster county, Pa., Aug. 31, 1832, son of Robert and Margaret (Wasson) Martin and grandson of Francis Martin.

Francis Martin was a native of Ireland and was twice married, both his wives dying there. To his first union were born Robert, John and Stephen, and to the second another son, Thuey. In 1800 Francis Martin and his sons John and Stephen came to America, locating in Philadelphia.

Robert Martin, son of Francis, was born in Ireland and remained in that country until after his marriage. In 1828 he came to this country, settling in Lancaster county, Pa., and there his children were born, viz.: John; Robert; Francis, and Hannah. This family farmed in Lancaster county for twenty-five years, and after the children were all grown moved to Armstrong county, the father buying the place in Boggs township now occupied by his son Robert in 1852. Game was still plentiful in the neighborhood at that time. There were few improvements on the property, and the house was an old log building, but under their industrious and energetic management it was transformed into a valuable farm, and it continues to this day to be one of the best places in the township. There Mr. Martin died in 1868, aged seventy years, his wife surviving until 1887; she reached the age of ninety-two. Mr. Martin was a Democrat in his political views.

Robert Martin, son of Robert, received his education in Lancaster county. He always

remained at home, assisting his father, and eventually took over the home place in Boggs township, which he has continued to operate to the present time, though he does not attend to the arduous work now. The fine buildings now standing on this tract were built by him. He is one of the substantial and reliable citizens of his section, one who is looked to for assistance in local affairs, has been particularly interested in the welfare of the schools in his district, and has held many of the township offices, still serving as justice of the peace. He has been quite prominent as a worker in the Democratic party, and in religious matters is identified with the Presbyterian Church, to which his parents also belonged.

In 1888 Mr. Martin was married to Isabella McKinley, a native of Armstrong county, daughter of James and Isabella (Dinsmore) McKinley, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Mrs. Martin died in 1889, at the age of thirty-four years. She left no children.

CHESTER A. LOGAN, undertaker at Leechburg, was born at East Brady, Clarion Co., Pa., June 19, 1880, son of Samuel M. Logan.

James Logan, great-grandfather of Chester A. Logan, lived in Pine township, Allegheny Co., Pa., where he was engaged in farming. His wife bore the maiden name of Nancy Hood. They had children as follows: Martha, who married Benjamin Breedon; William; John; George; Louisa, who married John Wallace, and Emerson.

George Logan was born in 1826, and died in 1865. He married Martha Nickeulson, daughter of Joseph and Mary Nickeulson, and she resides at Manorville, Armstrong Co., Pa., aged (1913) eighty-four years. She and her husband had one child who grew to maturity, Samuel M.

Samuel M. Logan was born Jan. 13, 1857, at Manorville, in Manor township, Armstrong county, and when thirteen years old began learning marble cutting, following that trade at East Brady, Braddock and Leechburg, to which place he came about 1891. He embarked in business in the last named town, and is now doing a large amount of first-class work. He married Ida Sedwick, daughter of John Sedwick, of East Brady.

Chester A. Logan is the only son of his parents. He attended the local schools of Leechburg, Grove City College and Elders Ridge Academy, following which he took a course at the Eckels College of Embalming and Sanitary Science, in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in March, 1910. He located in Leechburg on April 21st of the same year, and has firmly established himself in the confidence of the people. In addition to having a fully equipped establishment, he is well fitted for his work not only by training, but because of his tactful nature, which enables him to prove a friend indeed to those who require his professional services. Mr. Logan belongs to Leechburg Lodge, No. 577, F. & A. M., the Odd Fellows, and the local order of Elks. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership.

GEORGE H. CLEVER, a farmer residing in Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., and a veteran of the great Civil war, was born Oct. 17, 1840, on the farm on which he lives, which is situated near the town of Belknap. He is a son of Joseph and a grandson of Henry Clever, or Cleaver, the spelling used by some branches of the family.

Henry Clever came from east of the Allegheny mountains and settled in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he remained for some time. Later in life he moved to Armstrong county, locating near Echo, where he resided until his death. His children bore the following names: Henry, Michael, Daniel, Jacob, Joseph and Christian, the last named marrying a member of the Houser family.

Joseph Clever, son of Henry Clever and father of George H., was born in Westmoreland county, in 1800, and on coming to Armstrong county settled in Wayne township, first living near Echo and soon after purchasing a farm of 300 acres near Belknap, which at that time was mainly timberland. The clearing of this land was a great undertaking, but he went at it bravely and spent the rest of his life here, his death occurring Sept. 22, 1865, when he was aged sixty-five years; he was buried in the Concord Church cemetery. He had donated two and a quarter acres to this church for cemetery purposes and had served on the building committee that erected the first church edifice, in 1842. He was a strict Presbyterian and was one of the founders of the church in his section, donating the use of his log barn for the first church exercises. Joseph Clever married Margaret Gould, who was born in 1811 and died Oct. 7, 1884, a daughter of John and Mary Gould, the former of whom died Feb. 27, 1862, when aged seventy-three years, nine months; the latter died in 1887, when aged

ninety-eight years. To Joseph Clever and his wife the following children were born: John; Mary Jane, who married David Zimmerman; Robert; Joseph; George H.; Margaret, who married Jacob Rupp; Catherine, who married John M. Fleming; Christiana, who married Michael Smith; David G.; and Elizabeth, who died young.

George H. Clever obtained his education in the district schools and remained assisting his father until 1862, when he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company K, 155th Pa. Vol. Inf., which was attached to the Army of the Potomac. His period of service covered the remaining years of the great struggle and during this time he participated in many of the most important land battles, including the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Appomattox Court House, and numerous others. On Oct. 1, 1864, he was promoted to the rank of corporal, for gallant conduct. When the war closed Mr. Clever returned home and continued to give his father assistance until the latter's death, since when he has operated a part of the farm for himself and on his portion has erected all the substantial buildings now in evidence. In addition to its agricultural possibilities his farm has valuable coal deposits and gas. On his property is the highest elevation in Armstrong county and during the Civil war it was made use of for flag signal work, as on a clear day it is possible to see into eight of the surrounding counties from this point.

Mr. Clever married Lavina Rupp, a daughter of Adam and Rosanna (Hartzel) Rupp, and eleven children were born to them, as follows: John, who lives in Clarion county, Pa.; Harvey and Jessie M., both of whom are deceased; Bertram, who lives at Apollo, Pa.; George, who is a resident of Wayne township; Rosie, who married Bert Cunningham; McCleod, who lives in Wayne township; Maude, who married Forest Stasey; Matilda, who married Wilson Reesman; Pearl, who died young; and Oscar, who lives at Templeton, Pa. Mr. Clever and his family are members of the Concord Presbyterian Church, which he has served both as treasurer and trustee. In his political views he is a Democrat and for twelve years he was a school director in the independent school district, and at present is overseer of the poor in Wayne township. He is not only a well-known but an important citizen.

David G. Clever, son of Joseph and brother of George H. Clever, was born April 20, 1862, and is a farmer in Wayne township. He married Julia A. Thomas, a daughter of Jacob R. and Lucy A. (Rumbaugh) Thomas, and they have had the following children: Joseph (deceased), Miles E., Iona M., Margaret L., Clyde (deceased), Florence Irene, Kosciusko (deceased), Vesta, Noama Ruth, Henry I. and Laura C.

PETER KERR, superintendent of the Kittanning district for the T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Company, is the first to hold that position in this field, which includes Indiana, Jefferson and Armstrong counties, Pennsylvania.

He is a native of Armstrong county, born at Worthington, March 26, 1860, son of Peter and Rachel (Henry) Kerr. The father was born in Scotland, in 1814, and came to America before his marriage, when twenty-two years old. Until 1849 he was engaged principally as a boatman on the Allegheny river, and he was afterward engaged at farming in Worthington, this county, where he died at the age of ninety-two years; he is buried in the Worthington cemetery. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and a Republican in politics, in which he took an active interest. It is worthy of note that the two brothers who settled with him at Worthington, William and Nevin, twins, outlived him, William dying at the age of ninety-five years and the latter at the age of ninety-seven. At first they held their land in common, but it was afterward equally divided. Their father came to America in 1860, and lived with them at Worthington until his death, which occurred when he was ninety-three years old. All are buried in the Worthington cemetery. They were progressive men, and about 1870, when the field at Oil City was opened, became engaged to some extent in oil operations. They were all members of the United Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Rachel (Henry) Kerr, wife of Peter Kerr, Sr., was born in Ireland, and was three years old when brought to America. She died at the age of seventy-four years. To Mr. and Mrs. Kerr were born four sons and one daughter, of which family three still survive.

Peter Kerr, fourth child in the family of Peter and Rachel (Henry) Kerr, was brought up at Worthington, where he received a common school education, attending until sixteen years old. In 1900 he entered the employ of the T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Company, previous to which time he had had a varied experience in different oil fields of Pennsylvania. In his present capacity he opened the Kittan-

ning office, and his services with this concern have been highly satisfactory. He sold his homestead in 1909.

In 1884 Mr. Kerr married Emma Herron, and they have four children: Thomas H., Nora G., Arthur J. and Mary Bell. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr lived at Worthington until 1906, when they removed to Kittanning, and in 1908 he erected the home at No. 613 Woodward avenue, Wickboro, which they have since occupied. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and in politics has been associated with the Washington party, but he has never held office or taken an active part in such affairs.

ALBERT GIBSON, a veteran of the Civil war who has long been a resident of Bethel township, Armstrong county, made an honorable record during his army service and has made an equally creditable showing as a private citizen. He is a well-to-do farmer, and an esteemed member of the community where he resides.

Mr. Gibson was born May 1, 1840, in Pittsburgh, Pa., son of Simon D. Gibson, and is of English descent. His great-grandfather came to this country from England with his first wife, and settled near Meadville, Pa. The Indians attacked them, killing and scalping the wife, who was engaged in milking the cow at the time, and took him prisoner. Three times he was tied to the stake for torture, but something always prevented the savages from carrying out their intentions. The third time the fire had been started around him when he prayed to the Lord, promising to fast and pray one day every year, and read the Bible, if he were released. A thundershower coming up suddenly put out the fire, and the Indians deciding that the "great spirit" did not want him burned released him. Then they adopted him into the tribe. Later they tested him to see if he would remain with them. The chief had lost a valuable horse and Gibson was given a day's rations and told to go find the animal. He knew he would be watched, so at evening he returned. The second day he was given two days' rations, and again returned. Then he got three days' rations, and walked to the river pretending to look for tracks of the lost horse, yet knowing that concealed in the underbrush stealthily following were the Indians. But when he had journeyed a considerable distance along the river bank he suddenly jumped in, and by diving and swimming under water eluded the Indians, and eventually reached the fort at Pittsburgh. He married again, and had children.

Israel Gibson, son of the above, was born in Crawford county, Pa., and came to Butler county, this State, in its pioneer days. There he married a Miss Gerty, and they had three sons, Hugh, Thomas and Simon D.

Simon D. Gibson, born in Butler county, went to Pittsburgh to learn the trade of blacksmith, which he always followed, gaining the reputation of being the best machine blacksmith in the country. He made the first bolt and irons for the first rolling mills at Kittanning (for Brown, Gates & Mosgrove), now the Kittanning Iron & Steel Works. He was a large, powerful man, weighing 214 pounds, with a breast measure of fifty-six inches. His wife, Susan (McClelland), never weighed over 110 pounds. She was born in Ireland, daughter of Robert McClelland, and died in December, 1893, having survived her husband many years. His death occurred in 1859, when he was fifty-four years old. They had a family of seven children, three sons and four daughters, three of whom survive at this writing: Margaret T., wife of Jacob Younkins, of North Buffalo township; Susan, who married Jefferson Jeffries, of New Kensington, Pa.; and Albert S.

Albert S. Gibson was about eight years old when he came with his parents to Kittanning, where he attended school until 1854. Then his father bought a farm in North Buffalo township, where the boy remained for some time, helping with the work and also finding employment on keelboats on the river, hauling ore to Pittsburgh, and rafting on the Clarion river, and on Toby creek, until he entered the army.

On Sept. 11, 1861, Mr. Gibson enlisted at Kittanning in Company K, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Col. William Sirwell, was sworn in at that place, and saw an unusual amount of active service in the three years and more of his service in the Union army. He was in the Atlanta campaign, and at the battle of New Hope Church was shot in the body, the bullet lodging against his spine, where it still remains. He was again wounded, at the battle of Stone River, in the ankle. He fought at LaVergne, Tenn., was at the battle of Chickamauga, and took part in numerous skirmishes, doing his duty faithfully on every occasion until he received his honorable discharge at Kittanning Nov. 4, 1864. True to every obligation as a soldier, he did his full share in preservation of the Union. After the war Mr. Gibson rafted and piloted

on the streams before mentioned, never engaging in farming until he settled on his present property, a valuable place of 115 acres in Bethel township, which shows the intelligent care of a thrifty, up-to-date farmer. His successful methods have entitled him to rank among the progressive agriculturists of his section.

On April 19, 1892, Mr. Gibson was married to Sarah E. Brown, of Armstrong county, and they have two children, one son and one daughter: Edith Viola, born Nov. 11, 1893, and Robert C., who was born Jan. 20, 1896. Mrs. Gibson is a daughter of Thomas F. and Mary C. (Claypoole) Brown, of North Buffalo township.

Mr. Gibson was a charter member of North Buffalo Post, G. A. R., and is now a member of John Croll Post, of Kittanning. He also belongs to the P. O. S. of A., Washington Camp, No. 696.

LEVI F. CRISMAN, who farms the old Peter Fair place in Washington township, is a member of the fourth generation of his family to live in Armstrong county, where he was born Feb. 21, 1857, in Madison township. Frederick Crisman, his great-grandfather, came to this region from east of the mountains and located in what was then Sugar Creek (now Washington) township, on land still owned by the family, obtaining about two hundred acres. There he reared his family and continued to live until his death. He was of German extraction.

John Crisman, son of Frederick, remained all his life on part of his father's homestead, and became quite prominent in the locality, holding various local offices. In politics he was a Republican. He and his wife Catherine had a family of ten children: Philip, Esther, Lavina, Frederick, Eliza, Hamilton, John, Catherine, and Henry and Adam, twins.

Frederick Crisman, son of John, was born March 20, 1838, on the home farm, where he grew to manhood. He settled on a farm in Washington township and followed agricultural pursuits throughout his active years. He now lives among his children, his wife having died Aug. 23, 1901. Her maiden name was Catherine Crisman, and she was born in 1838. Mr. Crisman served in the Civil war, and he has been a Republican from the early days of the party. He has never taken any active part in public affairs. To Mr. and Mrs. Crisman were born fourteen children, ten sons and four daughters, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Levi F., Feb. 21, 1857; Sarah Jane, July 10, 1858; Adson Somerville, Aug. 10, 1860; John Walter, Jan. 21, 1862; Malissa May, July 9, 1864; Henry McClure, July 14, 1866; Frederick Ross, May 6, 1868; Laura Luella, April 9, 1872; Charles Calvin and Edward Alvin, twins, Aug. 26, 1874; William Harrison, Oct. 9, 1877; James Burt, Oct. 18, 1879; Jesse Merril, Jan. 12, 1882; May Priscilla, May 15, 1885 (died when eighteen months old).

Levi F. Crisman lived in his native township, Madison, until he was a youth of fifteen or sixteen, meantime attending the common schools and assisting with the work at home. Then he accompanied his parents to Clarion county, this State, where he remained until twenty-one years old, at which time he went to McKean county, Pa. He was there for five years, working in the oil fields, and from there came to Washington township, Armstrong county, locating on a farm. He worked for Mr. Wilkinson five years, and then bought a piece of ground in the township, near Mahoning. After a residence of seven years thereon he came to his present home in Washington township, the old Peter Fair homestead, having sixty-eight acres where he carries on general farming most successfully. He is a good business man and an excellent manager, and has found his work very profitable. Mr. Crisman has served his township as overseer of the poor, giving the highest satisfaction to his fellow citizens in the discharge of his duties as such. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Crisman's first marriage was to Ida John, who died leaving one child, David Erwin, born Jan. 18, 1884. His second marriage was to Mary Adaline Fair, who was born Jan. 4, 1857, on the farm where she and her husband now live, and they have had two children: Verda Ethel, born Oct. 2, 1891; and Millie Fair, born July 7, 1895.

Peter Fair, Mrs. Crisman's grandfather, was of German descent. He settled in Washington township on a tract of about three hundred acres then all in the woods, built a log cabin on the hill and made a permanent home there. He was a Lutheran in religion and a Republican in politics.

Leonard Fair, son of Peter and Sarah Fair, was the father of Mrs. Crisman. He was born Nov. 12, 1821, grew up on the home place, and remained there all his life, improving it greatly; he erected the brick buildings still standing and in good condition. He was one of the best known citizens of the township in his day, having served his fellow men as clerk, overseer of the poor, tax collector and for

twenty years as justice of the peace. Like his father he was a Republican and a Lutheran. He died April 16, 1900. On Feb. 16, 1843, he married Mary Magdalene Helms, who was born Dec. 14, 1819, and died May 20, 1872. His second marriage, which took place Oct. 14, 1873, was to Catherine Martin, who died Sept. 3, 1890. His children were all by the first marriage, viz.: Jeremiah, born Nov. 16, 1844, who died aged fifty-four years, six months, twenty-one days; Eliza, born June 9, 1846; Peter, born Feb. 5, 1849; Emily, born Aug. 19, 1850, who died Dec. 20, 1866; Amos T., born March 23, 1853; Augustus C., born April 7, 1855; Mary Adaline, Mrs. Crisman, born Jan. 4, 1857; and Malinda, born Jan. 9, 1861.

WILLIAM S. McLAUGHLIN, farmer and teamster, of Rural Valley, was born in Cowanshannock township April 25, 1874, son of James and Margaret (Gibson) McLaughlin.

Thomas McLaughlin, a native of County Down, Ireland, was one of the pioneers of Cowanshannock township, where be bought a small farm on which he did considerable clearing and improving. During the Civil war he served as a soldier, and was killed on the battlefield. His wife was Mary E. Devinney, and they were the parents of six children: James; Martha, who married Josiah Miller; John; Maggie, wife of Joseph Cravner; Mary, married to John Cuddy; and Thomas. All of this family were born in Cowanshannock township.

James McLaughlin, son of Thomas and father of William S., is a farmer, and has spent all his life in Cowanshannock township. He married Margaret Gibson, daughter of Sloan Gibson, a native of Cowanshannock township, who spent nearly all of his life within its confines and there died. Mr. Gibson married Belle Templeton. The following children were born to James McLaughlin and his wife: Belle, who married Edward Whitacre; Jennie, who married Reuben Hamilton; William S.; John; Laura, who married Edward Weaver; Samuel; Jeremiah; Nina, who married John Shaffer, and Harvey.

William S. McLaughlin was brought up in his native township, and there educated. He has always been a farmer, and since 1897 has also been engaged in teaming. His property comprises fifty-eight acres of good land in Cowanshannock township, on which he carries on diversified farming.

On Nov. 25, 1896, Mr. McLaughlin was married to Martha Gourley, daughter of Andrew and Lavina (Turney) Gourley, of Rural Valley. Five children have been born of this marriage: Gourley, Sloan, John, Harry and Elmer. Mr. McLaughlin is a member of the M. E. Church. Fraternally he belongs to the Mystic Home Circle. A Republican in politics, he has served as constable of Rural Valley for eight years, street commissioner for three years, and health officer for two terms, giving his constituents able service in all of these offices.

SAMUEL E. WAUGAMAN, farmer and dairyman of Rayburn township, Armstrong county, belongs to an old settled family of that portion of the county, and was born May 27, 1860, in Valley township, near Slagles.

George Waugaman, his grandfather, came to Armstrong county from Westmoreland county, Pa., settling in Valley township on a tract which was then all in the woods. He built a log house and there reared his family. The history of Armstrong county published in 1883 says there was quite a large body of vacant land, as presented on the map of original tracts, extending from the southern line of the eastern portion of "Mexico," and a portion of this was settled by George Waugaman in 1811, with forty acres of which, with one horse and cow, and as a weaver, he was first assessed the next year at $34. His warrant for 201 acres, 113 perches is dated Feb. 22, and the survey March 3, 1836. He lived and died there, passing away at the age of eighty-two years. In politics he was originally a George Washington Democrat, and in religion he adhered to the faith of the Reformed Church. His children were: John, Andrew, Peter, George, Philip, Elizabeth (Mrs. Davis), Susan (Mrs. Schreckenberger), Katie (married) and Mrs. Shotts (deceased).

Andrew Waugaman, son of George, was born on the same place in Valley township as his son Samuel. He remained on the old homestead all his life, owning 112 acres. He married Rebecca Truby, who was born in Armstrong county and reared at Kittanning. Her father, Michael Truby, built the old stone house now owned by descendants of the Colwell family (Charles Colwell and family), conducting it and also a blacksmith shop; he owned the farm. His children were: Philip, Daniel, Henry, Isabella (Mrs. Samuel Elgin), Rebecca (Mrs. Waugaman), Eve (Mrs. Jacob Buckley), Lavina (Mrs. Jacob Rarroich), Mary Ann (Mrs. James Campbell) and Susanna (Mrs. Altman). Mr. and Mrs. An-

drew Waugaman had the following children: Michael T., who is deceased; George Washington, who resides at New Kensington, Pa.; Philip H., of Kittanning; William A., of Iowa; Mary, who died when two years old; Catherine, who died aged twenty-three years; Sarah J., who married George Tarr, and is now a widow residing at Pittsburgh; Amanda, widow of Jacob Altman, residing at Pittsburgh.

Samuel E. Waugaman passed his early years at the old Waugaman homestead, was married there, and a short time afterward moved from that place to Pine township, this county, where he was engaged as teamster for lumbering concerns. Remaining there four months, he went to Cowanshannock, in Rayburn township, where he was located for about one year, engaged in farming and teaming. He then removed to Manor township, this county, where he remained a year, following farming, thence going to Kittanning. He worked at a furnace there for a year and a half, at the end of that time moving back to Rayburn township, where he lived on the Finley farm for one year, during which time he mined and farmed. He then went back to Kittanning borough, where he worked at the furnace for six months. The mill closing he moved to Reynoldsville, where he resided for eighteen months, working in a sawmill and mining coal. Again he went to Kittanning, where he was employed at mining for the Kittanning Iron Company one year. His next move was to Bethel township, this county, where he farmed for Mrs. Reynolds, being thus engaged for four years and four months. Thence he moved to the Chaplin farm in Manor township, where he followed general farming and dairying for four years, and from that place moved to his present home in Rayburn township. After a residence of six years here he took his family out to Iowa, where he settled on a farm near Eddyville, with his brother William A. Waugaman. He farmed there for seven months, and returning to Pennsylvania settled in Valley township, buying a tract of ten acres where he followed truck farming for the next three years. He then returned to the home he now occupies, which was originally the Judge Nulton farm and afterward bought by Simeon Truby, a cousin of Mr. Waugaman's mother, Rebecca (Truby) Waugaman. Here Mr. Waugaman has acquired 220 acres of valuable land, where he carries on general farming pursuits and dairying. He is one of the most prosperous farmers of his section, and has succeeded by industrious and systematic methods and careful management. He has devoted most of his time to his own affairs and has never aspired to public honors, but his fellow citizens, in recognition of his high integrity and ability, have elected him auditor of the township. He votes with the Republican party on political issues. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Waugaman married Mary M. Mechling, who was born Dec. 9, 1867, in Valley township, daughter of William W. Mechling, and they have had four children: William A., born Feb. 23, 1885, married Sarah Maud Nulton, daughter of Edward Nulton; Sarah Zelma, born April 19, 1887, married G. B. Vensel, who resides in Manor township, and they have three children, Marietta, Meltey Waugaman and James Bowling; Mary Agnes, born Aug. 24, 1890, married J. B. Walker, of Valley township, and has one child, Mary Margaret; Jennie Maud, born Aug. 26, 1898, is at home.

LEVI SCHRECKENGOST, of Mahoning township, Armstrong county, has the largest apiary in the county, and has been engaged in bee culture for over forty years. He has a fine farm near Putneyville.

Mr. Schreckengost was born in Mahoning township Dec. 4, 1840, son of William Schreckengost. His grandfather was a native of Germany and settled in Armstrong county in pioneer days. William Schreckengost was an early settler in Mahoning township. He was a gunsmith, and followed his trade at Putneyville for many years, attaining wide renown as the manufacturer of the best muzzle loading rifles in his day in the United States. He himself was a crack shot. He died at Putneyville Sept. 11, 1897, aged about seventy-seven years. He was thrice married, his first wife, whose maiden name was Nulph, being the mother of Levi Schreckengost. His second marriage was to Priscilla Potts, and his third wife was Mary Heller. Of the children born to the second union six are now living: Mrs. Jesse Hoffman; Jennie, who married Thomas Ballentine; Clara, who married Charles Devener; Urias; Lincoln G., and Harry F.

Levi Schreckengost spent his early life at Putneyville and obtained a common school education there. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company D, 103d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and saw considerable active service. He was taken prisoner on or about April 20,

1864, and was confined at Andersonville and Milan, Ga., and Charleston and Florence, S. C., being paroled March 1, 1865, at Goldsboro, N. C. He was honorably discharged after three years of service, and returned home with health so impaired by his imprisonment that it was several years before he could resume work regularly. He then entered the employ of G. S. Putney & Sons, at Putneyville, remaining with them for several years, until he purchased the tract of 124 acres near that place upon which he has since made his home. He finished clearing the land, and has been improving it continually, having a very attractive property as the result of his unceasing efforts. For over forty years he has carried on bee culture, of which he makes a specialty in his work, at present having over one hundred hives. He is an industrious and highly respected citizen of his township, and deserves the substantial position he enjoys.

On March 4, 1868, Mr. Schreckengost was married to Mary Shaffer, daughter of Samuel and Julia A. (Milliron) Shaffer, of Red Bank township, and granddaughter of John Milliron, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was one of the early settlers of Mahoning township. Of the children born to this union nine have reached maturity: Clark E., who is engaged as a lumberman and farmer; Homer, who was killed March 21, 1912, at the Fort Pitt Powder Works; Mamie, wife of James Sargent; Edward, now deceased; Clara, wife of Rev. V. Long; Olive, wife of James Smith; Boyd, who is employed as engineer by the Fort Pitt Powder Company; Harry K., and Ernest. The two last named are coal miners.

Mr. Schreckengost is a life member of the Andersonville Survivors' Association. In politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE BLACK, farmer, residing in Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born June 2, 1867, son of David Black and grandson of Alexander Black.

Alexander Black was a pioneer settler in Indiana county, Pa., and for some years lived near Saltsburg but later moved to another part of the county, where he passed the remainder of his life. He married Margaret Miller, who survived him, dying at the unusual age of ninety-nine years, in Indiana county. They were parents of the following children: Christopher, James, David, Barbara, Delilah, Lavina and Sallie. The only survivor of this generation of the family is Delilah, who is unmarried and lives on the old homestead in Indiana county.

David Black, son of Alexander and father of George Black, was born near Saltsburg, Indiana Co., Pa. During his active years he devoted himself to farming and was well known as a prosperous agriculturist. His death occurred in 1901, and he is buried at the Oakland cemetery in Indiana county. He married Elizabeth Bricker, who spent the closing years of her life in the home of her son, George Black, her death taking place Aug. 8, 1908. She is buried in the cemetery attached to St. John's Lutheran Church, near Plumville, where she was reared. To them were born the following children: Sarah, who is the widow of William Johnson; Maggie, who married Anson Brickley; James, who married Anna Wilson; Philip, who died at the age of eight years; Mattie, who married Samuel Streams; Lavina, deceased, who was the wife of Emanuel Helm; Hannah, who married Eli Johnston; Julia, widow of James Conrad; John, who married Ada Moleberger; Maria, who married George Eyler; and George.

George Black obtained his education in the district schools and remained on the home farm until he was fourteen years of age, after which he worked on neighboring farms until he was eighteen years old, when he commenced to farm for himself. He selected a desirable tract of fifty-seven acres, situated in South Mahoning township, Indiana county, near Plumville, on which he settled after purchasing, and there carried on general farming until 1905, a period of sixteen years, when he came to Wayne township. Here he bought a small tract from Andrew Brim and J. L. Cochran and remained there until 1906, when he came to his present place, which is the old Wesley Pontius farm, later known as the Caldwell tract. It contains 125 acres and is situated near Dayton, Pa., bounded on one side by the old Lawson farm. Here Mr. Black devotes his attention to general agriculture. While living in Indiana county he took a great deal of interest in the stock business and raised such fine Aberdeen Angus cattle that for twenty years he generally carried off the first prizes when he exhibited his herds at the fairs of Indiana, Armstrong, Butler, Jefferson, Clarion and Clearfield counties.

Mr. Black was married (first) to Carrie B. Cochran, daughter of J. L. and Mary C. (Bricker) Cochran. She died Feb. 12, 1909, and left eight children: Irene, who was a successful school teacher previous to her marriage to William Jenks of Dubois, Pa.; Wood-

ward E., a graduate of the Dayton Normal Institute, who is teaching the Echo school in Wayne township; and Carrie Eva, Camden C., Mary E., Franklin C., Mabel P. and Florence C., the last named dying on the day following the demise of her mother, at the age of two years. Mr. Black was married (second) March 30, 1911, to Kathleen O. Seederly, a daughter of William and Della (Hum) Seederly, natives of Ohio. Mr. Black is a member of the Glade Run Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican.

JACOB F. HELD, who owns a farm of 120 acres in Bethel township, Armstrong county, is a native of Germany but has lived in this neighborhood from childhood. He was born Sept. 11, 1847, at Stuttgart, son of David and Christina (Held) Held, his parents being distantly related.

David Held was born Dec. 16, 1816, his wife June 24, 1821, both being natives of Mensheim, near Stuttgart. He was a tailor by trade. They were married in February, 1843, and had the following children: Regina, born in Germany, married Joseph Frantz; George, born in Germany, married Helena Wall; Jacob F. married Mary Ann Shaeffer; Frederick, born in Germany, married Susanna Lessig; Mary, born in Germany, is unmarried; Louisa, born in Manor township, Armstrong Co., Pa., married Samuel Kunkle, and is deceased; Hiram, born in Burrell township, Armstrong county, married Isabella Young; one died in infancy. The family came to America in 1856, the voyage across the Atlantic taking forty-four days (they were on a sandbar not far from New York City for four days), and arrived in Gilpin township, Armstrong county, the fall of that year. Later they moved to Manor township, this county, and thence in 1862 to Burrell township, where Mr. and Mrs. Held died, his death occurring Feb. 19, 1882, hers on April 6, 1901. In religious faith they were Lutherans.

Jacob F. Held was a boy of nine years when he came with the family to America, and he has since lived in Armstrong county. He learned the trade of miller, which he followed for a number of years, but for the last twenty-four years he has devoted all his time to farming, in which he has met with gratifying success. He has occupied his present home farm in Bethel township, a tract of 120 acres, since 1890. Mr. Held has not only looked well after his own affairs, but has found time to assist in the local government, and he is well thought of by his fellow citizens, who have elected him to the offices of school director and township auditor; he has filled the latter position for nine years. He and his family are members of Bethel Lutheran Church, of which he has been treasurer since 1897 except for one year.

On Dec. 16, 1869, Mr. Held married Mary Ann Shaeffer, a native of Armstrong county, daughter of David and Margaret (Hartman) Shaeffer. Their family is as follows: John David, born Nov. 22, 1870, married Rosanna Smail and has eight children, Arthur, Harry, Earl, Edna, Torrence, Margaret, Thomas and Mary I.; Elizabeth C., born Oct. 6, 1872, married Finley Mansfield and has children, Ruth, Margaret, Bessie, Jacob W., Anna, Claire, Joseph, Hannah and Mildred; Joseph Frantz, born July 13, 1874, married Lilie Remaley, and has one son, Gerald; Wilmer Lewis, born Oct. 28, 1878, married Effie Shellhamer, and they have two children, Althera and Owen; Margaret R., born Jan. 24, 1883, is the wife of Ollie Hill and has two children, Melvin and Margaret; Samuel K., born April 22, 1876, married Grace Wolford, and they have seven children, Burton, Helen, Earnest, Eugene, Homer, Eleanor and Robert L.; Roy H., born Dec. 21, 1880, married Maude Hileman, daughter of Zachary T. Hileman, and has two children, Vernon and Merle; Anna born March 15, 1885, married Lawrence Shoop and they have three children, Florence, Glen and Dale; Salina Pearl, born April 7, 1887, married Bruce Smith and has one son, Frederick H.; Walter Warren, born Nov. 11, 1891, is unmarried; Rose May, born May 22, 1893, married George Brown and they have two children, Everett S. and Edmund G.; Nellie Beatrice and Charles E. are at home.

Jacob F. Held is a member of Kittanning Lodge, No. 251, Royal Arcanum, and of Grange No. 549, P. O. H., of Center Valley.

JAMES FAIRLEY FOULIS, justice of the peace of Kittanning, Armstrong county, and engaged in business at that point as a merchant tailor, has lived there all his life, having been born in Kittanning Feb. 19, 1872.

James Foulis, his father, was a native of Kinross, Scotland, where he spent his early life, marrying there. After the birth of his eldest child, Alexander, he came with his family to this country, in 1871, settling at Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life. By trade he was a stone cutter, and his first work here was on the stone jail. When he died, Jan. 2, 1886, he was in his prime, being fifty-three years of age.

His wife, Janet Fairley, was born in 1847, daughter of William and Margaret Fairley, of Luntuttigo, Scotland, the former of whom was a weaver by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Fairley had five children, namely: William and Alexander, who died in Scotland; Janet, Mrs. Foulis; Margaret, Mrs. Wright, who resides in Scotland; and Elsie, of Scotland, who is unmarried.

Mrs. Foulis died March 4, 1895, when forty-nine years old. She and her husband were members of the United Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of three children: Alexander, a railroad engineer, who was killed in a wreck in June, 1908; James Fairley; and William, a druggist, of Wickboro, Armstrong county.

James Fairley Foulis grew up at Kittanning and obtained his education in the public schools there. When he went to work he commenced to learn the trade of tailor, which with the exception of three years, when he was proprietor of the "Citizens Hotel," he has ever since continued to follow. He has been quite prominent in politics and public affairs in the borough. His father was a stanch believer in the principles of the Republican party, and he himself has been one of its strong adherents in this section. He has served three years, 1906-07-08, as member of the council, and in November, 1911, was elected justice of the peace in Kittanning. His services to the community have been intelligent and faithful, and his fellow citizens appreciate the good work he has done in the various positions of trust to which he has been called. Fraternally he is a high Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree. He is an Episcopalian in religious connection.

On Aug. 13, 1896, Mr. Foulis married Nancy Lenora Kron, daughter of George P. Kron, of Kittanning, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. They have no children.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, justice of the peace in Gilpin township, Armstrong county, Pa., and field manager for the Gilpin and Acme Gas Companies in that district, is a very well known citizen of his section and belongs to an old Pennsylvania family. He was born in South Buffalo township, Armstrong county, Feb. 24, 1868, a son of John A. Patterson and a grandson of James Patterson.

James Patterson lived and died on his farm, which was situated along the Freeport and Kittanning road, two miles out of Freeport. He became one of the venerable residents of that section, living to the age of eighty years. He married Ann Polly Murphy, and both are buried at Freeport, Pa. They were the parents of the following children: Samuel, who lived in Butler county, had two sons, James and Joseph; James, who settled in Nebraska had William (deceased), Homer, Molly, Galen, Thomas and Jessie; Betsy (Elizabeth), who married James Reddick, had two children, Patterson and Samuel; Lindsey W. (deceased) had three children, James H. (deceased), Elizabeth and Ella (he was a mason); Thomas, who died in July, 1909, never married; John A. was the father of William L. Patterson.

John A. Patterson was born in Armstrong county in 1823. He was a blacksmith by trade and also operated oil wells in Clarion county, Pa., and in Virginia, drilling many wells. He was interested in manufacturing salt along the Allegheny river, shipping it by boat to Pittsburgh. In 1849 he was one of that great army that endured danger and hardship in order to reach the reputed gold fields of California, and was successful in prospecting and mining. After traveling in different parts of the United States he returned to Armstrong county and bought a farm at State Lick, Pa., which he subsequently sold. He then purchased the old Israel Hill farm in Gilpin township, along the Kittanning road, which property was later bought by Jeremiah Klingensmith, who divided it and sold it to different parties. John A. Patterson was naturally a man of fine intellect and well read, and his travels and association with men served to make him one of the best informed persons in his community. He was a Republican in politics. He was a charter member of the United Presbyterian Church at Leechburg, Pa., and was on the building committee when the present church edifice was erected. His death occurred April 25, 1885.

John A. Patterson married Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Israel and Catherine (Shaffer) Hill. She died April 19, 1903, and was buried in the Freeport cemetery, as was also her husband. They had the following children: Kate died unmarried in 1895; James, of Long Beach, Cal., married Laura Forker, of Knox, Pa.; Frank, who married Sadie M. Lafferty and left two children, Bessie and Mary, died when thirty-two years old; Agnes married Joseph Bowers, of Pittsburgh, and is the mother of three children, J. Lindsey, Charles Lewis and John; Thomas was accidentally killed when aged six years, six

months, five days; William L. is mentioned later; Maggie E. married James Fryer, of Leechburg, Pa., and they have five children, Rebecca, Helen, Henry, Lindsey and Rhoda; Rebecca A. married Walter Klug, of Leechburg, Pa., and they have three children, Olive, William and Kathryn; Robert A. died when aged twenty-four years.

William L. Patterson attended the public schools of Gilpin township and the Leechburg Academy for one term, when he was under the instruction of Professor Duff. From then on until he was twenty-seven years of age he devoted the main part of his time and attention to farming and since has been variously but ever busily and usefully employed. For some three years he worked in the oil fields as a tool dresser, for one year was foreman of a pipe line, for one year worked in the Leechburg mill, and then was appointed mail carrier, the second appointment on Route No. 1 out of Leechburg, being thus engaged six and a half months. Then for eleven years he was engaged in drilling water wells, operating three machines in this work, and for three years was foreman for J. W. Crosby in the natural gas business. Subsequently he accepted his present position as manager in the Gilpin and Acme Gas Companies' fields here and looks carefully after the interests of these concerns.

On Oct. 9, 1894, Mr. Patterson was married (first) to Elgie A. Cook, who died March 7, 1904. His second marriage took place on Sept. 5, 1905, to Iva M. Myers. They have no children. For thirteen years Mr. Patterson lived at Georgetown, in Gilpin township, coming from there to his present location near the Forks Church in 1909, and erecting his present comfortable residence on the Kittanning road in 1911. In politics Mr. Patterson is a Republican, and at different times has served his party officially, belonging to the working force on several committees. In May, 1910, he was elected a justice of the peace for a term of five years. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CLOUSE, of the firm of G. W. Clouse & Co., dealers in general merchandise at Rimerton, Armstrong county, was born in Madison township, this county, Nov. 17, 1869.

George Clouse, his father, was a native of Germany. When he was but four years old his father, John Clouse, died, and his widowed mother brought him to the United States in 1846, settling at Brady's Bend, Armstrong county, where he grew to manhood. For a time he worked in the mines, but before his marriage located in Worthington, where he was in the employ of Peter Graff until about 1866. He then purchased eighty acres of land in Madison township, and there resided until his death in 1910, when he was aged seventy-four years. During this period he worked in the mines and carried on the farm until his sons were old enough to look after the farm, when he gave his entire attention to mining. He married Martha Reibold, a native of Germany, daughter of George Reibold, who was an early settler of Brady's Run. Mr. Reibold's death occurred at Brady's Run when he was eighty-one years of age. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clouse, eight of whom grew to maturity: Margaret, who married Daniel Rimer; John H., who was killed in the mines at the age of twenty-one; Catherine, who married Frank W. Einnick; George W.; Martha, married to William Chaney; Fred C.; Martin L.; and Bessie, married to William Unger.

George W. Clouse was reared on the homestead and aided his father in clearing a part of it. He was educated in the local school, and in 1886 located at Rimerton, having secured a position there as clerk in a general store. Here he continued until 1901 when he embarked in general merchandising on his own account at Rimerton with his brother Fred C. as partner, and they conducted the business under the firm name of G. W. Clouse & Co. This business has increased steadily and it is now a flourishing store with a good patronage.

Mr. Clouse was married Dec. 27, 1892, to Millie J., daughter of George W. and Margaret (Paine) Craig, of Madison township, and they have six children: John E., Lula M., Flora B., George, Margaret and Violet. Mr. Clouse is a member of Canaugua Tribe, No. 476, I. O. R. M., and of the Jr. O. U. A. M., Council No. 373. Politically he is a Republican. He is a progressive, enterprising man, who is actively interested in all public affairs, though he is not an office seeker. Honest in all his business transactions, he has become well known and liked in his community.

CARL M. HUGHES, who carries on general farming in Rayburn township, Armstrong county, on the old Yockey homestead, is a native of Valley township, this county, born April 24, 1874, son of William and Jennie (Myers) Hughes. His grandfather,

William Hughes, brought his family to Armstrong county, Pa., from east of the mountains. He worked as engineer at the furnaces, and followed farming in his later days. His children were: George, John, Scott, Barbara, Sarah, Ann, William, Mary and Beck.

William Hughes, son of William, was born in Pennsylvania, east of the mountains. He followed farming until about 1889, when he moved to Ford City, this county, and there passed the remainder of his days. For some time he ran the engine at the Pine Creek furnace. He served four years in the Union army during the Civil war, being a member of Company K, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. In politics he was a Republican, took a public-spirited interest in local affairs, and served as school director. He was a Baptist in religious connection. His death occurred at Ford City in 1906, when he was sixty-one years old. Mr. Hughes was married at Pine Creek Furnace, in what is now Rayburn township, to Jennie Myers, who was born east of the mountains in Pennsylvania, and still survives. To this union were born the following children: William, Carl M., Leslie, Irene, Lizzie, Lucy, Albert, Grace, Emma, Elsie, and Effie (who is deceased).

Martin Myers, father of Mrs. Jennie (Myers) Hughes, brought his family to Armstrong county, locating first at Worthington and later above Pine Creek Furnace. He was engaged as a coal burner. He and his wife Elizabeth are both deceased. Their children were: Lizzie, Jennie (Mrs. Hughes), Nellie, James, William, Edward, Harriet, Emma and Becky.

Carl M. Hughes, son of William and Jennie (Myers) Hughes, passed his early life on the home farm. When his father moved to Ford City he found employment in the glass works there, where he was employed for thirteen years. He was married at Ford City, and continued to live there until 1901, when he and his family came to the old Yockey homestead in Rayburn township, upon which place they have since resided. He is engaged in general farming and has been very successful in his work. He is one of the substantial and valuable citizens of his township, is a Prohibitionist in political connection, and a Baptist in religion.

In April, 1898, Mr. Hughes was married at Ford City to Nannie Yockey, who was born April 12, 1873, in Rayburn township, on the farm where her father and grandfather were also born. By this union there are two children: John, born May 5, 1899, and Ruth, born July 1, 1907.

John Yockey, grandfather of Mrs. Hughes, was born on the old farm in Rayburn township, and was a son of John Yockey, who was one of the very early settlers in that part of Armstrong county; one of his brothers was shot and scalped by the Indians, being attacked while at the plow.

Frederick Yockey, father of Mrs. Hughes, was a son of John and Elizabeth Yockey. He was born on the old family place in Rayburn township and there lived and died. During the Civil war he served in the Union army as a member of Company K, 48th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religion was connected with the Baptist Church. He married Elizabeth Love, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., daughter of William and Mary Love, who moved to Armstrong county, where he engaged in milling on the banks of the Cowanshannock in Valley township, spending the remainder of his life there. He ground grain for all the early settlers in that section. Frederick and Elizabeth (Love) Yockey had the following children: Runyan, John, Ezra (who is deceased), Ida (deceased), Minerva, Ella and Nannie (wife of Carl M. Hughes), of Rayburn township.

JOHN GRANTZ, late of Bethel township, Armstrong county, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, July 2, 1834, and died July 25, 1912. He was brought to the United States by his father, Adam Grantz, when six years old. His mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Lautenschlager, died in Germany when a young woman. They had a family of four sons and two daughters, Henry, George, Barbara, Elizabeth, John and Adam, of whom one son and one daughter survive, Elizabeth and Henry. All came to America with the father. Settling first at Delmont, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Adam Grantz subsequently, about 1850, came to Armstrong county, where with the exception of about two years spent in Pittsburgh he passed the remainder of his life. His death occurred in Armstrong county in 1886, when he was aged eighty-two years, ten months, seventeen days. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

John Grantz received his education in the county schools, and became a farmer. He was married twice, first to Malinda Trexel, daughter of Israel and Tina (Kinnard) Trexel, and to this union were born two chil-

dren: George, who married Sarah Fennell, resides at Delmont, Pa.; and Sarah C., deceased, who married Lewis Klingensmith, and had children, Clara E. (Mrs. Gordon Fennell), Charles E. (a telegraph operator), Sadie T. (Mrs. Matthew Dixon), and Bessie M. (Mrs. Braden Beatty).

On Oct. 4, 1864, for his second wife, John Grantz married Mary Lucetta Klingensmith, who was born March 7, 1837, daughter of Adam and Anna Mary (Kirkland) Klingensmith, and had by her children as follows: Abraham R., who married Mary Trower, and lives at Hunter, Okla.; Anna Mary, who became the second wife of Lewis Klingensmith (who first married her sister Sarah), of near Kelly Station, and has children, Harry R. (a farmer, at home), Bert C., David D., Ruth V., Cleason J. and Marie B. (all at home); Hettie J., wife of Joseph Gleixner, residing at St. Mary's, Pa.; John A., who married Jane Kunkelman, and died in 1911; William J., who married Mabel Ross, living at Brickerville, Pa.; Harriet E., wife of Marney Klingensmith, now of Willow, Cal.; Luther S.; Amos, who married Della Earhart and lives near Salina, Pa.; Josiah W., who married Phroney Myers and (second) Mary McMunn; Lewis H., who married Lena ——— and lives in Oklahoma; and Miles Roy, who married June 15, 1910, Sarah F. Turner, of Leechburg, Armstrong county, daughter of William R. and Elizabeth (Smith) Turner (Mrs. Miles R. Grantz died March 15, 1913). Three of the sons of this family are in Oklahoma.

THOMAS D. McCOLGIN, a retired farmer of Cowanshannock township and a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 18, 1827, son of Thomas and Maria (Totten) McColgin.

Thomas McColgin was born in Ireland, and came to Pittsburgh in young manhood, where he followed his trade that of a carpenter, until his death. His children were: Caroline, who married James C. McCormick; Ann Maria; Lydia A., Mrs. Melaney; Almira, who married Joseph K. Patterson; John T., and Thomas D.

The maternal grandparents of Thomas D. McColgin were John and Lydia Totten, pioneers of Cowanshannock township. Their daughter Maria was born in the State of New York.

Thomas D. McColgin was reared in Allegheny and Armstrong counties. He settled on a farm of fifty-seven acres in Cowanshannock township in 1850, and this has continued to be his home.

During the sixty years he has lived there he has made many improvements besides clearing his property. During the Civil war he gave valuable service as a soldier, enlisting in September, 1864, in Company K, 5th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and was discharged in June, 1865. During his period of service he was principally engaged as guard against the encroachments of General Mosby. He was also one of those who buried the dead following the second battle of Bull Run.

On Oct. 13, 1857, Mr. McColgin was married to Mary S., daughter of Archibald and Elizabeth (Bricker) Marshall, of Wayne township. Mr. and Mrs. McColgin have had eight children: Oscar; William L.; Luella, who married W. A. Mantz; Anna M., who married E. C. Latimer; Lizzie J., who married J. E. Smith; Grant; Totten T., and Edgar. Mr. McColgin and wife are members of the Rural Valley Presbyterian Church. Mr. McColgin is a member of Anderson Fleming Post, G. A. R., of Rural Valley, and enjoys meeting his old comrades. Politically he is a Republican.

ISAAC M. BARCLAY, whose widow resides at Elderton, Armstrong county, was born in Somerset county, Pa., son of George Barclay. The family is of English descent. Mrs. George Barclay died at the age of ninety-two years. She and her husband had a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters, namely: Thomas, of Gettysburg, Pa., is a minister of the Reformed Church; William is a farmer near Johnstown, Pa.; John, deceased, was a real estate dealer in Greensburg, Pa.; Noah, deceased, was a farmer; Isaac M. is mentioned below; Maria married Aaron Lavely, a builder, and had nine children (they lived at Johnstown, Pa.); Sarah, unmarried, resides in Pennsylvania; Viola, who married George Baker, a brick contractor, lives in Pittsburgh; Mary, deceased, married Jerry Penrod, and lived in Johnstown.

Isaac M. Barclay served in the Union army during the Civil war for three years and three months, under two enlistments, and was in all the important engagements of the Army of the Potomac, being in the service until the close of the conflict. He was a member of Company F, 21st Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. He became a member of Fraley Post, No. 108, G. A. R., and also belonged to the I. O. O. F. and Royal Arcanum. His religious connection was with the Reformed

Church. He died June 17, 1907, at the age of sixty-seven years.

Mr. Barclay was married to Mary P. Crissy, of Somerset, Pa., daughter of David Crissy, who had a family of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barclay: Margaret died young; Luella died in infancy; Charlotte, wife of John C. Egly, lives in Apollo, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he is in the monument business; Jennie, who lives in Columbus, Ohio, is the wife of John C. Grace and has had five children; Wellington, who lives in Pittsburgh, where he is employed by the Pittsburgh Railway Company, is married and has one child, Mary E.; Elizabeth married John F. McKnight, of Pittsburgh, an employee at the Homestead Steel Works, and they have four children; John G., an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, married Grace Moody, of Dennison, Ohio, and they have three children, two sons and one daughter; Thomas, born in 1883, a carpenter and builder, resides with his mother at Elderton.

W. D. CUPPS, general farmer of Kiskiminetas township, was born in Apollo, Armstrong county, May 11, 1840, son of Louis B. and Elizabeth (Risher) Cupps.

Louis B. Cupps was a native of Ohio, and came when a boy to Apollo, where he died in 1886. The Methodist Church had in him a faithful member and worker, and he brought up his children in its faith. A Republican, he gave his party his undivided support, and his sons have done the same. Mr. Cupps and his wife had seven children, two of whom survive, W. D. and one daughter.

The maternal grandfather, Daniel Risher, came to Armstrong county in an early day, and was prominently associated with the work of the Methodist Church at Apollo. Both as a class leader and worker for many years he exerted a powerful influence for good, and is still remembered by the older members of the church.

W. D. Cupps attended common school until he attained his majority, and resided with his parents until going into the army. In 1861 he enlisted in Company G, 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, and served three years. His regiment was one of the great fighting regiments of Pennsylvania. In the heat of battle at Fredericksburg, Mr. Cupps was severely wounded in the leg, and a bullet grazed the bridge of his nose; a comrade who saw him, with his face covered with blood, thought that he had lost his nose. Mr. Cupps participated in a number of hard-fought battles, including the second engagement at Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Drainesville, Spottsylvania Court House, the seven days' battle in the Wilderness, and Gettysburg, where his regiment, securely entrenched, poured a deadly fire into the ranks of the enemy as they endeavored to scale the breastworks; the regiment lost many men at Gettysburg. At the expiration of his period of service Mr. Cupps was discharged, in 1864. Prior to this his regiment had been called to Washington, then to Pittsburgh, and he saw a great deal of all sides of army life.

Three years after his return home, Mr. Cupps was married to Jane Anderson. Her father who was a pioneer of Armstrong county, lived near Spring church. Mr. and Mrs. Cupps became the parents of four children, three of whom survive: Olive T., William D. and Anna Bell (who married Charles Ridenhour).

Following his marriage Mr. Cupps rented land for two years, and then bought the seventy-five acres on which he now resides. He has erected a comfortable residence and barn, at a cost of $1,000 each. Politically he is a Republican. For years he has belonged to Whitcomb Post, No. 88, G. A. R. A good farmer, excellent business man and public-spirited citizen, Mr. Cupps is considered one of the substantial residents of his section of Armstrong county.

GEORGE BOYD DOVERSPIKE, a general merchant of Oakland, has been proprietor of a store there since 1893, and during this time has become a popular and successful business man.

His paternal grandfather was John Doverspike, a native of eastern Pennsylvania, who spent a short time in Butler county, Pa., and later located in 1805 on Red Bank creek, in what is now Clarion county, Pa. In 1816 he settled in what is now Mahoning township, Armstrong county, purchasing about 240 acres of land. From this he cleared a farm which is now occupied by Clarence Gould, and his death occurred there. He made agriculture his life pursuit and was a well-known and prosperous farmer in his day. His wife was Margaret Jane McCullough and their children were: Daniel, George, John, Lewis, Christina, Callop and Lavina.

George Doverspike, son of John, was born and reared on the homestead, a part of which he inherited from his father. Here his death occurred in August, 1888, when he was sixty-

three years of age. He married Sarah, daughter of Henry Cumbert, a pioneer of Armstrong county. Mr. Doverspike followed the life work of his father, working on his farm all his life. He was the father of fifteen children, all but one living to mature years, as follows: Elizabeth, who married Z. H. Nulph; Tena, who married A. G. Kells; Hannah, who married R. H. Nulph; Emanuel (twin to Hannah); David; Sarah A., who married Sylvester Griner; Turney J.; Millie; Mary, who married Amos Bittinger; William H.; George B.; Ezra L.; Maggie, who married John Cunningham; and Wesley M.

George B. Doverspike was born in Mahoning township, Armstrong county, May 26, 1863, son of George and Sarah (Gumbert) Doverspike. He was educated in the common and select schools and resided on the homestead until 1893, on April 18th of which year he embarked in the general merchandise business at Oakland in which he has since been successfully engaged. He conducts an up-to-date business in every way, and his courteous manner and reputation for honesty and square dealing have been the attributes which have brought him a good business.

On Sept. 21, 1892, Mr. Doverspike married Ella, daughter of George and Mary (Long) Smith, of Red Bank township, Armstrong county, and they have five children: Wade R., Edith Z., Cleo L., George Brent and Frank L. Mr. Doverspike is a member of the M. E. Church. He takes an active interest in his township, has served two terms as school director of Mahoning township, and is a man ever ready to do his share toward the welfare of his fellow citizens. In politics he is a Democrat.

TILLMAN SCHEEREN, proprietor of the "Hotel Scheeren" at Ford City, Pa., was born in 1866, in Germany, a son of Fritz and Christiana Scheeren.

Prior to coming to the United States, when twenty-one years old, Tillman Scheeren was well educated, attending both the public schools and college. After his arrival in this country, he located at Tarentum, Pa., where for three years he worked in a plate glass mill. Following this he went to Kokomo, Ind., where he was engaged in the same line for six years. In 1896 he came to Ford City, where he became agent for a brewery, maintaining this connection for three years. He then engaged in the wholesale liquor business at Ford City, for another three years, when he sold out and bought the "Citizens Hotel" at Kittanning. Mr. Scheeren operated this hostelry for three years, returning to Ford City in 1904 and building what is now known as the "Hotel Scheeren," a brick structure, three stories in height, 80 by 100 feet, well equipped with modern improvements. This hotel is recognized as a first-class commercial house, and commands a good share of the traveling trade.

In 1889 Mr. Scheeren married Annie Schultz, daughter of Fritz Schultz, and they have four children: Fritz, Tillman, Jr., Otto and Annie. Mr. Scheeren was elected the first justice of the peace, but refused to serve. He belongs to the Elks, Eagles and Heptasophs, and is a well known resident of Ford City.

HENRY L. GRANTZ, of Bethel township, Armstrong county, is of German extraction, his parents, George and Hettie (Rhodes) Grantz, both having been natives of Germany. Their parents had settled first in Westmoreland county, Pa., upon coming from Germany, later moving into Armstrong county, George Grantz's parents settling upon the farm of his son Henry, in Bethel township, about 1850. George Grantz was born May 22, 1827, his wife Jan. 3, 1829, and they lived to old age, dying Feb. 25, 1907, and July 29, 1908, respectively. Her parents were seventy-two and ninety-five years old, respectively, when they died.

Henry L. Grantz was born July 25, 1866, in Bethel township, on the farm where he now lives, and was one of a family of seven children, namely: John A., Samuel, Henry L. and Mary M. (wife of A. T. Wareham), living; and three deceased. Henry L. Grantz has been successfully engaged in general farming on the old home place in Bethel township, and is one of the enterprising and thrifty farmers of that locality, having eighty acres, most of which is under cultivation. He raises stock and grain. Mr. Grantz is a citizen highly respected for his genuine worth. He and his wife are members of the Bethel Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Socialist.

On June 27, 1907, Mr. Grantz was married to Mrs. Mary Jane Schaeffer, of Leechburg, widow of George Schaeffer, by whom she had two children: Francis Wilmer, who works in the West Leechburg Mill at Leechburg, Pa.; and Naomi Imogene. Mr. and Mrs. Grantz have had three children, namely: Hattie L., born Aug. 1, 1908; Clara Bell, born

March 18, 1910; and Flora May, born Dec. 18, 1911.

Mrs. Grantz's parents, George W. and Lovina (Baker) Baker, cousins, reside at Leechburg, Armstrong county. Her maternal grandmother, whose maiden name was Mary Hilburn, wife of George Baker, was the mother of nine children, one son and eight daughters, and the first member of this large family to pass away had attained the age of fifty-two years; the youngest is now forty-nine years old. They were: Nancy J. married Daniel Shaner; Mary E. married N. K. Klingensmith; Lovina and Priscilla were twins, Lovina marrying George E. Baker (father of Mrs. Henry L. Grantz) and Priscilla marrying Lee Smail; Hannah married L. P. Dunmire; Caroline married Eden Klingensmith; Catherine (deceased) married Henry Smail; George married Anna Stitt; Ella P. married John L. Harper, who is deceased.

Mrs. Grantz's paternal grandparents were David and Jane (Oueery) Baker, and they had two sons and one daughter: John, who married Sarah Oueery; Nancy; who married Thomas Gault; and George W., who married Lovina Baker, (they were the parents of Mrs. Grantz).

MARTIN MOORE, a farmer of Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, was born near Connellsville, Fayette Co., Pa., April 19, 1840, son of John and Lydia (Varnes) Moore.

John Moore was born in Germany, and when he was ten years of age started with his parents for the United States, but they died on the voyage, John Moore being the only survivor. Although his passage money had been paid, as the lad had no friends to protect him unscrupulous people made him work to pay it a second time, and for years he had a hard time. Later he secured employment at the DuPont Powder Works in Delaware, and eventually came to Fayette county, Pa., where he married a young woman who was a native of the county. In 1851 he settled in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, buying a farm of 100 acres, and the following year bought one of 127 acres, now owned and operated by his sons Martin and Ross. With the assistance of his children he cleared these properties and died at his homestead in 1870. His children who grew to maturity were: Martin; Samuel, now deceased; John, deceased; Ross; Mary (deceased), who was the wife of Joseph Davis; and Sally (deceased) who married Erastus Jewart.

Martin Moore, son of John Moore, was a soldier in the Civil war, in 1861, in Company A, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Col. William Sirwell, and participated in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga and all the important engagements in the Atlanta campaign, being honorably discharged from the army at Kittanning after three years' service in defense of his country. Politically he is a Republican. He is a man of high principles, and is respected by all with whom he is brought into contact.

DANIEL SMITH, who was a prosperous farmer of Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, was a native of that township, born Feb. 26, 1852. He was a son of Absalom and Susanna (Mulberger) Smith, the former a native of Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, the latter born in Center county, Pa. Absalom Smith always followed farming. Of his three children, one son and one daughter survive.

Daniel Smith received his education in the public schools of his home locality, and he was reared to farming, which vocation he followed all his life in Plum Creek township. He was one of the trusted men of his township, which he served in a public capacity as tax collector for nine years.

On July 2, 1873, Mr. Smith married Susanna Yount, of Plum Creek township, daughter of David Yount, farming people, who had a family of ten children, six of whom are living. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, namely: Minnie resides at home; Clara Belle married Chalmer George, who is an employee of the People's Gas Company, and they have five children, three sons and two daughters, Duke, Cecil, Harold, Hazel and Margaret S.; Mary married Prof. R. C. Gibson, of Leechburg, who teaches in the Allegheny high school, and they have one child, Kenneth, born in August, 1910; Margaret married Jesse Ritchey, a roller in the mill at Vandergrift, Pa.; Blair, who is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Pittsburgh, married Iva Faith, of Kittanning township, Armstrong county, and they have one child, a son, born in May, 1912; Lloyd died when four years old.

Mr. Smith lived on his farm until his death, which occurred Jan. 10, 1903. His widow subsequently sold the place and moved to Elderton, where she has since had her home. The family are Lutherans in religious connection.

JAMES M. RITCHEY, mine foreman, who lives in Rayburn township, Armstrong county, is a descendant of one of the old families of this region. He was born at Templeton, Armstrong county, in 1864, son of Alexander and Anna (Bowser) Ritchey.

William Ritchey, his grandfather, died July 2, 1859. The date of his birth is not known. He married Nancy Kennedy, who was born July 4, 1796, and died March 14, 1861, and to them was born a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters.

Alexander Ritchey, son of William and Nancy (Kennedy) Ritchey, was born Oct. 6, 1829, and died Sept. 3, 1898. He married Mrs. Anna (Bowser) Price, who was born March 4, 1830, and survives him, now making her home with her daughter in Kittanning. By her first marriage, to James Price, she had four children: Charles, John Allen, Almira and one that died in infancy. By her union with Mr. Ritchey there were two children, James M. and Anna, the latter Mrs. H. Thompson, of the borough of Kittanning.

James M. Ritchey is engaged as mine foreman. He has been a useful citizen of his community, having served Rayburn township seven years in the office of school director. Fraternally he belongs to the Order of Moose, holding membership in Lodge No. 13, of Kittanning.

Mr. Ritchey has a family of four children, namely: Ray, Maud, Sarah and James.

PETER FOX, a much respected citizen of Mahoning township, Armstrong county, has lived on his present farm there for thirty years and has been a resident of the county for forty years. He is a native of Germany, born June 29, 1834, in Hessen-Darmstadt, son of John and Elizabeth (Kline) Fox, who came to the United States in 1839, settling in Elk township, Clarion Co., Pa. The father engaged in farming there, purchasing a tract of fifty-five acres which he cleared and improved, and upon which he passed the remainder of his life, dying there. He reared a family of seven children: One son, who was a soldier in the Civil war, and died on the old homestead in September, 1911; Peter; Elizabeth, who married F. Black; John, deceased; Jacob; Mary, who married John Weist; and Balzer.

Peter Fox lived on the paternal farm in Elk township, Clarion county, during his early years. After reaching his majority he was employed about iron works at various places, at Madison Furnace, in Clarion county, at Patrick Carr Furnace, Stewarton, Fayette county, and at Colwell Furnace, in Armstrong county; for eleven years he was employed at the Brady's Bend Iron Works in this county. Thirty years ago he settled on the farm of sixty-nine and a half acres in Mahoning township where he has ever since made his home and engaged in farming. He is an industrious, thrifty man, of upright character and steady habits, and in religious connection a Roman Catholic. In politics he has been associated with the Democratic party.

In 1859 Mr. Fox married Mary Fasenmyer, daughter of Balzer Fasenmyer, of Clarion county, and they have ten living children, viz.: Adeline, wife of B. Linnett; Mathias; Lizzie, married to M. Linnett; John; Charles; Joseph; Maggie, wife of John Sterner; Annie; Cora, and Ollie.

WILLIAM T. HEILMAN, a farmer of Manor township, was born April 5, 1859, in Kittanning township, Armstrong county, son of William and Margaret (Iseman) Heilman. The father was a farmer all his life.

William T. Heilman attended public school in Bethel township, this county, following with a course in a commercial college at Kittanning, from which he was graduated in 1884. He then began farming, and has followed this line of work ever since, with considerable profit, on the farm he now occupies.

On Nov. 5, 1886, Mr. Heilman married Anna L. Montgomery, and the following children were born to them: Clara, born Nov. 23, 1887, died in infancy; Ray M., born in 1888, educated in the Ford City high school, is now clerk for the Park Bank, of St. Joseph, Mo. (he married Blanch Malone, and they had two children, Ira M. and Louisa L., twins, born Feb. 11, 1911, the mother dying on April 5th of the same year); Glen was born in 1889; Russell, in 1893; Harold, in 1895; Thomas B., born in 1899, died in infancy; Anna L. was born in 1909.

Socially Mr. Heilman belongs to the Royal Arcanum and the Independent Americans. His religious home is in the Presbyterian Church, he having held membership for a number of years in the Appleby Manor Memorial Church. The Heilman and Iseman families are very well known in Armstrong county, and there are many members of both numbered among the representative citizens here.

CLAYTON D. WEST, of Leechburg, Armstrong county, is a native of Westmore-

land county, Pa., born June 11, 1874, son of Samuel M. West. Adam West, his grandfather, was a shoemaker, and followed that trade throughout his life, dying in Pennsylvania in 1843. His wife, Sarah, survived him for many years, dying in 1876. They had eight children, of whom Samuel M. West is now the only survivor.

Samuel M. West was born Jan. 23, 1841, in Westmoreland county. After his father's death he was reared by an aunt, with whom he lived until he entered the Union service during the Civil war. He had a public school education. In the fall of 1861 he enlisted in Company C, 4th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, joined his regiment at Harrisburg, Pa., and from there was sent with his command to Washington, D. C., where it was placed under the leadership of General McClellan. Mr. West became first sergeant. He saw active service in sixty-seven engagements, taking part in the battles of Malvern Hill; White Oak Swamp; Gettysburg, where the activity of his regiment prevented General Stuart making his proposed connection with the other Confederate forces; Antietam, where the 4th Pennsylvania was part of the advance guard (in that engagement the brave Colonel Childs was killed; while the battle was in progress Mr. West was one of those detailed to give care to the wounded and dying); and the Wilderness. Mr. West reenlisted, in the same company and regiment in which he served out his first term, and after the surrender of Lee his regiment went into camp at Lynchburg, Va., where it lay until honorably discharged, July 13, 1865. Returning home, Mr. West was married, Oct. 26, 1865, in Westmoreland county, to Margaret Townsend. Four sons and one daughter were born to them: Carrie Isabel, Robert T., Harry H., Clayton D. and Elmore Murray.

After his marriage Mr. West followed farming in Pennsylvania and Virginia, until he moved to his present home, in Apollo, where he is now living retired. During the early part of his residence there he engaged in the teaming and draying business, continuing same until 1907, when failing health induced him to relinquish active life. He is a member of Whitworth Post, No. 89, G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican, and for nine years served as constable at Apollo.

Clayton D. West attended public school during his youth, in the locality of the home farm, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, being thus employed until seventeen years of age. He then entered the mill at Apollo, as an opener, and by application and industry became a skilled worker, advancing until he became a sheet roller. In 1903 he moved to the borough of Leechburg, where he has since been in the employ of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company as sheet roller, proving himself a competent and thoroughly reliable worker. He owns a fine home on Main street in the borough, and is considered one of the substantial citizens of that place. He is a member of the local lodge of Elks and of the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.

Mr. West married Elsie B. Heck, and they have two children, Audrey and Clarence D.

FRANK C. SCHRECENGOST, who has successfully conducted a livery at Rural Valley for the last ten years and more, belongs to a family which has been represented in Armstrong county for several generations. The family is of German origin, the first of his ancestors to come to America, Jacob (known as Yock) Schrecengost, having been a native of Germany. He settled in eastern Pennsylvania.

Conrad (or Coonrod) Schrecengost, Sr., son of Jacob, also born in Germany, was the great-grandfather of Frank C. Schrecengost. He came early to America, with his father, and lived for some time in Berks or Bucks county, Pa., removing west to what is now Armstrong county in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He purchased land in Kittanning (what is now Valley) township, and not only followed agricultural pursuits, but also mechanical work, being a gunsmith by trade. He could use a gun as well as make one, and was a noted hunter in his day. His death occurred at his homestead. He was a Federalist in politics and in religious belief a Lutheran, being a member of the church. His wife, formerly a Miss Zortman, was like himself a native of Germany. Of their nine children, six sons and three daughters, we have record of three sons: Coonrod, Jr., who married Susanna Oury; John; and Daniel.

Daniel Schrecengost, son of Coonrod, was born in what is now Valley township, where he passed most of his life. He cleared and improved a farm there, and for many years also kept a tavern at the old "Stone House" on the Kittanning pike. In his later life he removed to Rural Valley, remaining there until his death. He was a thrifty, industrious and prosperous man, followed his trade of gunsmith as well as farming and tavern-keep-

ing, and acquired the ownership of three hundred acres in his native township. He was a stanch Republican and active in the work of his party in this locality, at one time being its candidate for sheriff of Armstrong county. For several years he held the office of constable. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mr. Schrecengost married Mary Crum, whose father was a German farmer of Plum Creek township, this county, and they had a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters: Emanuel Z., who was three times married, his wives being Sarah Hartman, Annie McCurdy and Mary Richards, respectively; Zephaniah C., of Plumville, who married Sarah Houser; Solomon S., who served during the Civil war (in 1864-65) in the army of the Potomac; Daniel W., of Indiana, Pa., who married Mary Ohlinger (he enlisted in Company M., 139th Pennsylvania Volunteers and served until the close of the Civil war; he was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness); Aaron C.; Margaret, who married Samuel Stoops; Mary, deceased; and Isabella.

Aaron C. Schrecengost was reared in his native township, and received his education in the public schools of the home locality. When he began life for himself he engaged as a huckster in Rural Valley and later he embarked in the hotel business there, conducting the "Travelers' Home" for several years. Then he commenced to do business as a mason contractor, in which line he continued until his death, July 12, 1904, when he was sixty-two years of age. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and a Republican in political opinion. On Dec. 20, 1877, Mr. Schrecengost married Catherine Hill, daughter of John and Catherine (Hill) Hill, of Cowanshannock township. Eight children were born to them, namely: Alice, Walter G., Frank C., John A., Jeannette M., Mayme R., Harry T., and Edna Pearl.

Frank C. Schrecengost was born Dec. 16, 1881, in Rural Valley, where he grew up and obtained his education, attending public school. In 1902 he embarked in the livery business, in which he still continues, his establishment commanding a steady patronage. He is a member of the M. E. Church, and socially belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and to the Foresters. Politically he is a Republican. He is one of the substantial young business men of the town, and enjoys high standing in all the relations of life.

HENRY L. C. SCHRECONGOST (deceased), who was a prosperous farmer in Wayne township, Armstrong county, for a number of years prior to his death, was born in 1858 and died in 1905.

Henry John Schrecongost, his father, was born in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, Pa., and eventually moved to Valley township, this county, where he bought a farm upon which he resided for some time. He then bought the farm in Wayne township, near Echo, upon which he spent the remainder of his life, dying there. To him and his wife Sarah (Kline), daughter of George Kline, were born these children: George, Henry L. C., Hannah, Mary, Susan, Della and Katie.

Henry L. C. Schrecongost lived and died upon his farm in Wayne township, where he owned a tract of 121 acres near Echo. He was a well and favorably known man in his community, where he commanded the highest respect of all who knew him. He married Minerva Jennie McIntire, daughter of George McIntire, and the following children were born to them: Charles K., Florence L. (wife of Harry Craig), Zora B., Henrietta (deceased), Burton J. F. and Bertha E. (twins), Ida F. and Sarah E. Mrs. Schrecongost continues to make her residence at the homestead with her family.

William McIntire, grandfather of Mrs. Jennie Schrecongost, lived in Armstrong county. He married a Miss Steffey, and their children were: John, George, Joseph, William and Stephen. After Mr. McIntire's death his widow married a Mr. Spence, by whom she had Thomas, Augustus and Elmira.

George McIntire, son of William, was born in Armstrong county, and settled in Cowanshannock township, near Echo, remaining there until his death, in 1892, at the age of sixty-two years. He was a blacksmith by occupation. His wife, Mary A. (McIntire), died in August, 1872. They had children as follows: Mary C., who married Jacob K. Milliron and (second) Wesley Neal; Angeline, who married Benjamin T. Geiger; John A.; Minerva Jennie, Mrs. Henry L. C. Schrecongost; Joseph H., a farmer of Cowanshannock township, who married Lela Travis; and Hannah E., who married O. S. Marshall, an attorney at law, located at Rural Valley, Armstrong county.

John A. McIntire, son of George, was born Sept. 3, 1858, and learned the blacksmith's trade, which he follows, his business being located at Echo. He married Sarah A. Beck, daughter of Simon Beck, of Echo, and they

have had the following children: Wilda I., now the wife of Curtis E. Bouser (they have a son, Laird E.); Minnie, now the wife of George C. Schrecongost (they have children, Sarah R. and Ruby E.); Laura M.; Mabel A., who died in infancy; Olive R.; Delvert J.; Hazel L., and Lavern S.

On her mother's side Mrs. Schrecongost is a granddaughter of John McIntire, who was of Scotch-Irish descent. He removed to Armstrong county from Westmoreland county, and purchased a large farm near Echo, in Wayne township, passing the remainder of his life there, engaged in farming. His children were: John, who became a Methodist minister; Daniel S., who married Martha Lias, and died in 1893; Alexander, who died in Kansas; Altman, who died in Adams county, Ohio; Mary A., who married George McIntire, and died in Echo; and Catherine, who married John Wilson, and died in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

A. L. COULTER, a farmer of Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, was born Oct. 12, 1847, in that township, son of Alexander and Leah (Fowler) Coulter.

Alexander Coulter was a native of Ireland, and his wife of Pennsylvania. He came to the United States in 1820. By trade he was a stonemason and contractor, and he owned and operated a fine farm of 200 acres in South Bend township, this county, where his death occurred in 1893. The Lutheran Church held his membership, in which he was prominent as he was in outside life. He and his wife had fourteen children, six of whom survive, A. L. being the fifth in order of birth.

A. L. Coulter attended school until his sixteenth year, when he enlisted, in 1864, in Company B, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the struggle. Following this service he enlisted in the regular army, Company B, 25th United States Regular Troops, and was promoted to the rank of corporal. Mr. Coulter participated in many hard-fought battles during the Civil war, being in the engagements at Weldon Railroad, Boydton, White Oak, Fire Lake, the capture of Petersburg, and Appomattox Court House, when General Lee surrendered. After Mr. Coulter was discharged from the regular service he came back to his old home, where his father was still living, and a little later married. Following his marriage he began farming, buying 109 acres of land four miles southeast of Apollo, on which property he has resided ever since. His present comfortable residence was built in 1897, while his barn was put up in 1903. He is a good general farmer, and has succeeded very well in his efforts. Possessing a happy, genial nature, he makes friends easily, and enjoys meeting his old comrades at the meetings of the G. A. R. post. Both he and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church at Springchurch (post-office), and he is a deacon of this organization. Politically he is a Democrat.

On Jan. 7, 1873, Mr. Coulter was married, in Armstrong county, to Matilda A. McKinstry, daughter of William McKinstry. Mr. and Mrs. Coulter became the parents of thirteen children: William A., James B., Elder E., Arthur F., Bertha I. (Mrs. C. E. Frederick), Clifton A., Alva B. (Mrs. W. R. Beatty) and Emily, all living, and Norman H., Myrtle Grace, Edward, Bessie and S. S.

WILLIAM H. MORROW, proprietor of the "Commercial Hotel" at Ford City, Armstrong county, has been engaged in the hotel business for a number of years and has been a resident of his present town since 1907. He was born in 1872 at Apollo, this county, son of John and Mary J. (Brenner) Morrow.

John Morrow, the father, was born and reared in Westmoreland county, Pa., and located at Apollo about 1870, there engaging in the flour milling business. About 1874 he removed to Manor Station, Westmoreland county, where he carried on the general mercantile business for several years. He died in 1905. Of his family of five children, two died in infancy, the others being: Eva, wife of L. D. Warock; Elizabeth, wife of A. B. Perrine, and William H.

William H. Morrow attended public school at Manor Station and later became a pupil at the Greensburg Academy. When a young man he engaged in the grocery business at Manor Station, continuing same for about four years, after which he became clerk of the "Chambers Hotel" at Apollo, remaining there two years. He then went to Kittanning, where he was clerk of the "Alexander Hotel" for one year. In 1898 he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war, becoming a member of Company G, 16th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the close, being mustered out in 1899. His first position afterward was with the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company, at Ford City, and after a time in their employ he went to Kittanning and took the position of clerk in the "Citizens Hotel" for a short time. He next became clerk of the "Scheeren Hotel" at Ford City, being thus

engaged until 1907, when he bought the "Commercial Hotel" at that place, which he has since conducted. The building is a substantial brick structure three stories in height, has thirty-four guest rooms, and Mr. Morrow has furnished and equipped his establishment in most creditable style. It is considered one of the model up-to-date hotels of Armstrong county, and he has made an excellent reputation for business ability by his success in its management. He is well known fraternally, belonging to the B. P. O. Elks at Kittanning, to the Royal Arcanum at Tarentum, Pa., and to the Order of Eagles.

In 1899 Mr. Morrow was married to Pearl A. Utley, daughter of Nelson Utley.

HUGH C. KELLS, late of Mahoning township, Armstrong county, one of the progressive farmers of that section, belonged to old pioneer stock of this part of Pennsylvania on both sides, his paternal grandfather, Ralph Kells, having been a pioneer farmer in Westmoreland county, and his maternal grandfather, William Beatty, a pioneer in Indiana county. Both were natives of Ireland. Ralph Kells married Jane Humes.

Ralph Kells, son of Ralph and Jane (Humes) Kells, was born near Youngstown, Westmoreland county, Pa., and in 1855 settled in Wayne township, Armstrong county, where he cleared and improved a tract of 175 acres. He died on a farm adjoining his homestead, at the age of seventy-five years. He married Margaret Beatty, and they had the following children: Jane, who married George Sloan; Clamenza, who married Solomon Long; Mary, who married Henry Rugh; Robert; Andrew, and Hugh C.

Hugh C. Kells was born Sept. 21, 1849, near Latrobe, Westmoreland county, and was a child of six years when the family settled in Wayne township, Armstrong county, where he was reared and educated. He attended public school and Dayton Academy. Farming was always his occupation. From 1891 until his death he was a resident of Mahoning township, and he was regarded as one of the reliable residents of his community, where he was honored with election to various public offices, having served acceptably as assessor and school director. In politics he was associated with the Republican party. He was a member of the Lutheran Church at Eddyville. Mr. Kells' death occurred April 19, 1913.

On June 26, 1879, Mr. Kells married Christina Doverspike, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Beck) Doverspike, of Mahoning township, and granddaughter of John Doverspike, who settled in what is now Mahoning township in 1816; he is known to have lived on what is now the Clarion county side of Red Bank creek as early as 1805.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kells were born eight children, five of whom grew to maturity: Clark, now deceased; John; George; Iva C., and Ira.

WILLIAM L. McINTIRE was born on the farm in Wayne township, Armstrong county, where he now resides, and is a member of the third generation of his family in this region. His grandfather, John McIntire, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, removed to Armstrong county from Westmoreland county, Pa., was a farmer by occupation, and purchasing a large farm near Echo, in Wayne township, passed the remainder of his life there engaged in its cultivation. His children were: John, who became a Methodist minister; Daniel S., father of William L. McIntire; Alexander, who died in Kansas; Altman, who died in Adams county, Ohio; Mary A., who married George McIntire, and died at Echo; and Catherine, who married John Wilson, and died in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

Daniel S. McIntire, son of John McIntire, was born in Westmoreland county, near Latrobe, and came to Armstrong county with his parents. He followed farming in Wayne township throughout his active years, dying in 1893. He married Martha Lias, daughter of Peter Lias, and to this union were born the following children: Elsie J., born Feb. 27, 1856, who died April 8, 1857; John W., born Jan. 23, 1858; Martin L., born Sept. 21, 1860; Emma R., born Feb. 5, 1863, who married Turney A. Troutman; Mary Ellen, born July 12, 1867, who died Dec. 26, 1877; and William L., born in January, 1871. The mother of this family died Dec. 10, 1878.

William L. McIntire was born in January, 1871. He obtained his education in the public schools of the home district, and has spent all his life on the farm where he was born, now owning the homestead, a fine tract of 150 acres. Mr. McIntire is not only successfully engaged in general farming, but he has acquired other business interests which he has found profitable. He has found coal upon his property, has three gas wells there in operation, and does some teaming in addition to his other work. He is enterprising, and has managed his affairs with excellent judgment.

On Feb. 28, 1895, Mr. McIntire was married to Sarah E. Umbaugh, daughter of John and Hannah M. (Schrecongost) Umbaugh, and they have a family of three children, Pearl V., Lillie M. and Guy H., all now attending school. Mr. McIntire is identified with the Democratic party in politics. He is an influential member of the M. E. Church at Echo, which he has served officially as steward and trustee.

JOSIAH GEORGE, a veteran of the Civil war, residing in South Bend township, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born in that township July 3, 1833, son of Jacob and Hannah (Frantz) George.

Jacob George was born in Pennsylvania and was a saddler by trade, also owning and cultivating a farm of 123 acres in South Bend township which he bought in 1840, and which was afterward owned by his eldest son, Samuel. Jacob George died in 1851. His wife, Hannah Frantz, also born in Pennsylvania, survived him many years, dying in 1894, when within seven years of the century mark. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Of the family of seven sons and one daughter, Josiah is the sole survivor.

Josiah George was seventeen years of age when his father died and he remained with his mother until twenty years old, when he learned the carpenter's trade. Three years were given to work in this line and fifteen years to work in the oil fields of Pennsylvania and New York. In 1861 he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company D, 62d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, as a private, and when discharged he was a corporal. During the three long years of army service he saw much hardship and faced many dangers. He was in the seven days of fighting in the Wilderness, was at Malvern Hill, and at Gaines's Mill was wounded. After a short period in hospital he rejoined his regiment, in the Army of the Potomac, at Cold Harbor, was with his comrades at Gettysburg when his regiment fell back after an attack, and was taken prisoner by the Confederate forces. With other prisoners he was sent to Belle Isle, Richmond, Va., where he was kept for ten weeks, his daily rations being eight ounces of bread and one ounce of meat, the latter cooked without salt. Then came an order for the paroling of 550 Union soldiers, and by a fortunate chance his name was the 548th on the list, otherwise he would have been sent to the dreaded prison at Andersonville, Ga., and might never have lived to return at all. When he reached Union headquarters he was transferred to the 155th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, the former regiment having been mustered out, as it had already served five months when he joined it. In this regiment he also took part in a number of engagements with the enemy and was at Petersburg, Va., at the time of the mine explosion. He served entirely through his period of enlistment and was honorably discharged in 1864. Returning to Pennsylvania, for thirteen years afterward Mr. George worked on the farm of J. Wray, in Kiskimnetas township, Armstrong county, and is now farming in South Bend township.

Mr. George was married April 23, 1895, at Pittsburgh, Pa., to Miss M. Rupart. They are members of the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never been an active member of the party, although he has always been deeply concerned in all that relates to the progress, development and stability of the country he helped to save from disunion.

WILLIAM H. McHADDON, of Worthington, where he has been engaged as a merchant for several years, was born in Ligonier, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Nov. 11, 1854, son of Robert and Mary (Hinton) McHaddon.

Robert McHaddon was born in Scotland, while his wife was a native of Bedford county, Pa. Coming to the United States some time in the forties, Mr. McHaddon located first in Bedford county, Pa., and later in Westmoreland county, in 1858 settling in North Buffalo township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he engaged in the patent medicine business and also preached the gospel, being a minister of the German Baptist Church, whose members are commonly known as Dunkards. Thus he continued until his death, which occurred in 1876, when he was eighty years of age. He and his wife had three children: Mary J., deceased; William H., and Ross, the latter living in North Buffalo township.

William H. McHaddon was brought to North Buffalo township when in his fourth year, and there reared to manhood and educated in the public schools. He began business life as a huckster, and continued in that line for thirty years. His experience along this line fitted him for general merchandising, and he was thus engaged at McHaddon from 1872 until 1906. The place was named in his honor, and he was the first postmaster, holding that office for eighteen years. Leaving McHaddon he located in Worthington, where he has since successfully carried on a mercantile business.

On June 23, 1879, Mr. McHaddon was united in marriage with Sarah Rufaner, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Zillafrow) Rufaner, of North Buffalo township, and one daughter, Clara May, has been born to them; she is married to Harry D. Caldwell, a commercial traveler, of Franklin, Pa. Mr. McHaddon is one of the leading business men and substantial citizens of Worthington. Politically he is a Democrat.

JOHN H. BAUGHMAN has one of the best improved farms of Mahoning township, Armstrong county, where he has passed his entire life. He was born on the farm where he now lives, son of David and Mary Barbara (Nulph) Baughman, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania.

David Baughman, the father, was only eight years old when he came to Mahoning township, in 1832, and here he was reared to manhood. He always followed farming, and lived and died on the farm now owned and occupied by his son John, his death occurring in 1893, when he was sixty-nine years of age. He married Mary Barbara Nulph, whose father, Jacob Nulph, was among the pioneer settlers of what is now Mahoning township, clearing and improving a farm on which he lived and died. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Baughman, of whom seven grew to maturity, as follows: Jeannette, wife of Sharp Hosack; Rachel, wife of Samuel Gould; Maria Kate, wife of William Hensel; Jennie, wife of Samuel M. Doverspike; Evaline, wife of George Stokes; Sophronia, wife of Charles Fawcett; and John H.

John H. Baughman obtained his education in the common schools in the neighborhood of the old homestead, where he has always resided. It comprises 105 acres of valuable land, which Mr. Baughman has cared for according to the most up-to-date standards, his property bearing many evidences of his intelligent management. He has devoted all his time to his own affairs, taking no part in public matters, though he is thoroughly interested in the welfare of his locality. In politics he is a Republican.

On May 15, 1890, Mr. Baughman married Ida M. Eberhart, daughter of Jonathan and Jane (McElwain) Eberhart, of Mahoning township, and granddaughter of John and Julia Ann Eberhart, the former a pioneer of Indiana county, Pa., where his father, John Eberhart, settled at a very early day. The latter was a stonemason and farmer. Jonathan Eberhart, Mrs. Baughman's father, was born Oct. 26, 1830, and though now (1912) eighty-two years of age is as active as most men at sixty. He was a soldier in the Civil war, serving eleven months as a member of Company D, 58th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was attached to the 24th Corps, Army of the James, and was honorably discharged at Richmond, Va., in June, 1865.

Mr. and Mrs. Baughman are the parents of three children: Eva M., Lyle Clair and Lorena Grace.

GEORGE SZAFRAN, business man of Ford City, Armstrong county, has been engaged in different lines since he settled there and has become one of the prosperous citizens of the borough. He was born Oct. 30, 1874, in Austrian Poland, son of Walter and Maggie Szafran, of that country. The father, who was a farmer there all his life, died in 1888. The mother is still living there. They had a family of six children, of whom George was the only one to come to America.

Mr. Szafran had few advantages for education in his native land, as he had to begin hard work when a mere boy. As he reached maturity he determined to try his fortune in the new world, and borrowing money secretly from one of his sisters he started for this country in 1892. He had worked at civil engineering in Poland. After his arrival in America he located at Ford City, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he remained for a short time, doing different kinds of work. Then he went to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he was employed in the coal mines, and from there proceeded to Pittsburgh, where he was engaged on bridge work from May 6th to July 4th, 1893. His next change was to Richmond, Ind., where he worked a year for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Later he was employed in coal mines on the Monongahela river, but meeting with an accident in which one of his legs was broken he was incapacitated for such work for some time. Later he was at McKeesport, Pa., where he was employed in the rolling mills, and there he had another bad accident, having his right arm badly burned. Returning to Ford City in 1899, he worked for A. C. Bailey, in his general store, for over a year, and then was employed at different places for a while, eventually coming back to Ford City. In company with Joseph Izalanking he opened a grocery store, continuing in this business for a short time. On Dec. 12, 1901, he opened a wholesale liquor store on Fifth avenue, and in 1904 built the place at No. 1910 Fifth avenue where he is now doing business. Selling out in

1904 he became interested in the hotel business, buying the "Hotel Anderson" at Ford City, which he carried on for two years, after which he took the "American Hotel" in the borough, which he ran until Nov. 30, 1907. From that time to the present he has been in the wholesale liquor business again, and he has a thriving trade, which he has built up by satisfactory service to his patrons, and he occupies a substantial position among the solid business men of the place. Though he had little chance to attend school after coming to America, only two weeks of night school at Wilkes-Barre, he has acquired a thorough, practical knowledge of English, and the fact that he is self-taught in his native as well as his adopted language speaks volumes for his ambition and perseverance. So far as his worldly standing and prosperity are concerned, he is self-made, and he is a respected member of the community in which he has settled.

In 1902 Mr. Szafran was married, in Ford City, to Annie Morda, of Poland, and they have had three children, Jennie, Helen and Gerhart; the last named was killed by a street car July 15, 1910, when three and a half years old.

Mr. Szafran is a member of the St. Francis Polish Catholic Church at Ford City, and is prominently connected with Branch No. 1197 of the Polish National Alliance, of which he was president for five years, and is now serving as treasurer. He also belongs to Branch No. 544, and to the Roman Catholic Branch No. 30.

WILLIAM J. BARGERSTOCK, a prosperous and enterprising farmer of Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born on the land where he now resides, June 16, 1855, son of Henry and Mary (Neal) Bargerstock.

John Bargerstock, his grandfather, was born in Germany and brought his family to America, settling on the farm now occupied by his grandson, William J., as one of the pioneers of this region. He passed through the arduous experiences incident to life in the wilderness at that period, cleared the timber from his land, cultivating it until his death. His children were: Peter, who died in 1888, aged seventy-two years; John; Anna, who married Charles Ellenberger; Catherine, who married John Bittenger; Henry; and Elizabeth, who married Conrad Snyder.

Henry Bargerstock was born in Germany in 1827, and died in Wayne township Aug. 10, 1883, at the age of fifty-six years. His wife, born in 1836, died Nov. 12, 1872, at the age of thirty-six. Mr. Bargerstock came to America in 1832, at the age of five years, being brought here by his father. Growing to manhood on the farm in Wayne township, near Belknap, he inherited the homestead in time from his father, and made many improvements upon it. He put up all the buildings on it, and burned the brick with which he constructed the farmhouse. Until his death he operated the 160 acres with profit. His father had at one time owned over 300 acres. Mr. Bargerstock married a daughter of William C. Neal, of Red Bank township, this county, and she bore him the following children: William J.; and Harriet Frances, who married James R. Orr and resides at Kittanning.

William J. Bargerstock attended the township schools and was brought up to farm work on the old homestead. After the death of his father he took charge of this property, now owning 110 acres of valuable land in Wayne township, on which he carries on general farming. There is one gas well on this property, and it is also underlaid with coal.

Mr. Bargerstock married Anna Hoffman, daughter of Reuben Hoffman, and after her death he married Jennie Farster, daughter of Joshua Farster. They have had two children: Mary Teresa, born Sept. 28, 1912, and Charlotte Edmona, born April 24, 1914. Mr. Bargerstock is a Democrat, has served as school director, and has also been treasurer of his township. A member of the Reformed Church, he is now serving as elder. An energetic worker and an intelligent citizen, Mr. Bargerstock is numbered among the leading men of his locality.

JOHN B. SWIGART, of Kittanning, conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company from the age of eighteen years, and has held his present position, as passenger conductor between Kittanning and Pittsburgh, for fourteen years.

The Swigart family is of German extraction, and Mr. Swigart's great-grandfather was a well-to-do farmer of Bedford county, Pa., where he lived and died. John Swigart, the grandfather, was a native of eastern Pennsylvania, and about 1812 moved to the vicinity of Kittanning, Armstrong county, where for some time he followed his trade of stonemason and bricklayer. In this capacity he helped to build the "Eagle" hotel, and a number of the other brick buildings of Kittanning. Later he was engaged in farming. He and his wife, Sarah Bowser, were members of the

Dunkard Church, and he voted the Democratic ticket for fifty-four years. She died at the age of sixty years, he in 1878 at the age of seventy-six, and they are buried five miles northwest of Kittanning. They had children as follows: Abraham, W. D. (a Baptist minister of Indiana, Pa.), Jonathan, Joseph F., Nancy and Sarah.

Joseph F. Swigart, father of John B. Swigart, was born in Armstrong county, and passed all of his long life here. After his marriage he settled at Mosgrove, and he was always an ambitious and industrious worker, following farming and railroading, and also engaging in the building of coal boats and barges. In his early years he was a singing teacher, as such being well known to the residents of his section. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and in politics an active Democrat. He married Sarah Ann White, daughter of James White, of Armstrong county, and she died in 1902 at the age of sixty-five years. He lived to the age of eighty-two, his death occurring in 1912; they are buried at Kittanning. To Mr. and Mrs. Swigart were born the following children: Malinda, Curtis, James W., D. M., John B., Anna, William W., Alex L., Sadie B. and Emma.

John B. Swigart was born Sept. 22, 1863, at Mosgrove, Armstrong county, where he was reared, receiving a public school education there. At the age of eighteen years he went to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as brakeman, and was promoted in time to conductor, acting as freight conductor for eight years before being given a passenger train. He has been on his present run between Kittanning and Pittsburgh for fourteen years. Mr. Swigart married Mollie Rebecca McNeil, daughter of John A. and Margaret McNeil, of East Brady, Pa., both of whom were natives of this State, the father born at Jefferson county, the mother in Indiana county. Mr. McNeil was a resident of Verona, Allegheny Co., Pa., at the time of his death, which occurred Nov. 18, 1907. His wife died Aug. 28, 1913, while on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Swigart in Kittanning, aged seventy-four years. They were buried in Oakmont (Pa.) cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. McNeil were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had a family of four children: Mollie (Mrs. Swigart), William E., Thomas W. (deceased), and Samuel A. For a number of years Mr and Mrs. Swigart made their home at East Brady, Pa., where their three children were born, namely: Sarah Bertha, wife of Harry D. Utley, has one child, Jack D.; H. B. C., who lives at Ford City, this county, married Mabel Leech, and they had one child, Ruth L., deceased; Mollie R. is at home.

During his residence at East Brady Mr. Swigart served one year as school director. He is a Democrat in politics, and fraternally he is a Mason (belonging to blue lodge and chapter) and a member of the Order of Railroad Conductors. He attends the Presbyterian Church. His home is at No. 488 East High street, Kittanning.

DAVID GEORGE, a farmer of Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, was born May 26, 1861, son of Peter and Susan (Schull) George, of Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, and grandson of Leonard and Sarah (Gonaware) George. The grandparents came from eastern Pennsylvania and Westmoreland county Pa., respectively and were of Pennsylvania German stock. They had a family of twelve children, namely: Jacob, born in 1826, who died in 1904; Philip, born in 1828, who died in 1900; William, born in 1830; John, born in 1832; Peter, born in 1834, who died in 1911; Margaret, born in 1836; Josiah, born in 1838; Samuel, born in 1840, who died in 1911; Sarah and Catherine, twins, born in 1842; Susanna, born in 1844, who died in 1906; and Lewis, born in 1846.

Peter George, son of Leonard, was born in 1834, and died in 1911. He enlisted during the Civil war for service in the Union army, becoming a member of the 5th Heavy Artillery, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and took part in the battle of Cedar Mountain and other engagements. He was discharged June 30, 1865. He married Susan Schull, who was of German antecedents, and they had a family of nine children: David; John, of Apollo, Armstrong county; Irving, who died leaving a family of six children; Jacob, deceased; Sadie, of Pittsburgh, who is the wife of Herbert Myers, and has three children; Anna, deceased; Emory, who married Mary Ayres, a native of Switzerland, and has one child (they live in Canton, Ohio); Maggie, who married Charles Forrester, a farmer of Plum Creek township, and has two sons; and Samuel, deceased.

David George was educated in the country schools in the vicinity of his early home. He is a successful farmer of Plum Creek township, where he owns the tract of land upon which he resides.

On May 17, 1883, Mr. George married Car-

rissa J. Bierer, of Plum Creek township, who is of German extraction, daughter of John Bierer. They have had two children: Susanna Frances, born April 2, 1884, who is at home; and John R., born April 9, 1888, a farmer in Plum Creek township, who married Myrtle Smeltzer, of that township, and has one child, a daughter, born May 23, 1911. The family attend the German Reformed Church. Mr. George is a Democrat in political sentiment.

HENDERSON H. HARKLEROAD, of Cowanshannock township, was born at Clover Run, Clearfield county, Pa., Feb. 3, 1862, son of William and Lavina (Ruppert) Harkleroad.

Christopher Harkleroad, his grandfather, came from Bedford county, Pa., into what is now Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, Pa., at an early day. He was killed in middle age, by being thrown from his horse.

William Harkleroad, son of Christopher Harkleroad, was born and reared in Plum Creek township, and soon after attaining to his majority moved to Bell township, Clearfield county, Pa., where he developed a farm from wild land, and there made his home until death claimed him. His children were: Julia Ann, who married Joseph Davis; Elizabeth, who married Andrew Walls; Alexander; Susan, deceased; Sophia, deceased, who married Henry Reefer; Sarah, who married Arch. Penrod; George; Henderson H. and Reed, twins, the latter being deceased; Jackson; Frank; and Rachel, who is also deceased.

Henderson H. Harkleroad, son of William Harkleroad, was brought up in Clearfield county, residing there until he was seventeen years old. In 1879 he located in Cowanshannock township, where he has since been engaged in farming. In 1892 he bought the George Harkleroad farm of 150 acres, which still continues to be his homestead.

In 1883 Mr. Harkleroad married Susan Harkleroad, a daughter of George Harkleroad, and they became the parents of six children, three of whom survive: Ervin, Charles and William. Mr. Harkleroad's second marriage was to Laura Boyer, a daughter of Peter Boyer, of Plum Creek township. Mr. Harkleroad is one of the leading agriculturists of his township and his success in life has come through his own efforts. Politically he is a Democrat.

IRA W. RUPP, a blacksmith of Rural Valley, was born in Kittanning township, Armstrong county, Pa., Feb. 9, 1880, son of John F. and Ella (Patrick) Rupp.

Francis Rupp, the great-great-grandfather, born in Germany, became a pioneer of what is now Kittanning township, clearing and improving a homestead, upon which he died.

Francis Rupp, son of Francis Rupp, above, was born in Kittanning township, where he became a farmer and brought under cultivation the farm now owned by his son Samuel W. Rupp, upon which he died. He married Elizabeth Gollinger.

Daniel Rupp, son of Francis Rupp (2) was also a farmer, and lived and died on a portion of the old homestead. His wife, Sarah, was a daughter of John and Sarah (White) Moorehead, early settlers of Clarion county, Pa., who later came to Kittanning township, Armstrong county, Pa. The children of Daniel Rupp were: Sarah E., who married James Bell; John F.; Samuel W.; Flora, who married Ulysses G. Hobough; James W.; David M.; Mary Ann, who married John Boyer; Alice, who married Thomas Watterson; Arthur; Howard, and Charles.

John F. Rupp, son of Daniel Rupp, was born in Kittanning township, Nov. 26, 1854, and received a common school education. When only seventeen years old he commenced teaching, and was engaged in educational work in the public schools of Armstrong county for eighteen years. Following this he farmed until 1898 in Cowanshannock township, when he came to Rural Valley and he has since been engaged as a general merchant there. He is a justice of the peace, and a man of influence in his community.

On Nov. 10, 1877, John F. Rupp married Ella Patrick, a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Zillafro) Patrick, of Kittanning township. Five children have been born of this union: Vie, who married W. E. Turney; Ira W.; Ina, who married W. B. Brumbaugh; Aka, and Ola.

Ira W. Rupp, son of John F. Rupp, and fifth in line from the original Francis Rupp who founded the family in Kittanning township, grew up in his native place, attending the neighborhood schools. He was apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked for four years as a journeyman, and then on Jan. 1, 1906, established himself in business at Rural Valley, where he has since continued.

In March, 1901, Mr. Rupp was married to Ada Kline, a daughter of John A. and Sarah (Truby) Kline, of Wayne township. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs.

Rupp: Wilbert Nay, Eva Leah (deceased), Ila Larue and Anna Ruth. Mr. Rupp is a member of the Lutheran Church. His fraternal associations are with the Odd Fellows, and politically he is a Republican. An earnest, hard-working young man. Mr. Rupp commands the confidence of those who know him.

PAUL DAVID CRUM, who lives in Rayburn township, Armstrong county, and is engaged as a railroad engineer, is a son of Simeon David and Sarah (Logue) Crum and grandson of Henry Crum.

Henry Crum, the grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania, east of the mountains. He came to Kittanning and followed blacksmithing, having his shop where Charles Jessop's house now stands, the fall before he engaged in the hotel business, as proprietor of the "Eagle House." He was the only blacksmith in the borough at the time. During the Civil war period he conducted the "Eagle Hotel" and in that connection became particularly well known. Moving later to Red Bank, he was blacksmith at the furnace. He died at Wattersonville, opposite Red Bank, aged sixty-seven years. Mr. Crum was a Democrat and quite active in the work of his party, was several times a candidate for office, and was a popular man wherever known. In religious connection he was a Presbyterian. At Kittanning he married Elizabeth Truby, who survived him many years, dying March 8, 1912, at the age of ninety-eight years, two months. They had children as follows: Mary, Mrs. Arnold, who is now deceased; John, deceased; Nannie H., Mrs. Keener, residing at Wattersonville; Jane, who died unmarried; and Simeon David.

Simeon David Crum, son of Henry, was born at Kittanning Oct. 8, 1848, and attended the old "sand bank" college. He became an oil driller, and was engaged the greater part of his active life in the oil and gas fields, being at Parker through the excitement at that point. He developed many properties. In his later years he acted as car inspector. Mr. Crum died Oct. 10, 1905. He was a Democrat in politics, in religion a Presbyterian, and socially held membership in the Heptasophs.

Mr. Crum married Sarah Logue, who was born Nov. 12, 1858, at West Freedom, Clarion Co., Pa., daughter of John and Tena (Dukle) Logue, and she survives him, residing at East Kittanning. Eight children were born to this union, namely: Kale, who died in infancy; Charles, born June 17, 1874, who is engaged as an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad and makes his home in Rayburn township; Harry, born in 1876, who lives in Pittsburgh and is engaged as train dispatcher on the Baltimore & Ohio road (he is married to Nora Conner; he owns seventy acres in Rayburn township, where his brothers make their home); George, born in 1881, who is deceased; Paul David, mentioned below; Forest, born June 6, 1886, who is a finisher in the glass works at Ford City, this county (he married Leah Dickson); Frank, born Sept. 24, 1890, who is on the farm in Rayburn township; and Ralph, born Aug. 5, 1892, who is on the home farm in Rayburn township.

John Logue, father of Mrs. Simeon David Crum, was from Clarion county, Pa. During his earlier life he was a collier at Red Bank Furnace, and he afterward engaged as river pilot until his death. He was a Republican in politics, a Methodist in religion, and an Odd Fellow in social connection. He and his wife, Tena (Dukle), also deceased, had the following children: Nancy, Mrs. Whitesell, who is deceased; George, who is baggagemaster at Red Bank and lives at Wattersonville; and Sarah, Mrs. Crum.

Paul David Crum was born Sept. 12, 1883, at Philipston, Pa. He is engaged as engineer, and is a steady and reliable young man, intelligent and progressive, respected by all who know him for his industry and good habits. He is a member of the Knights of Malta, the Knights of Pythias and the Brotherhood of Engineers. In politics he is inclined to the doctrines of socialism. He attends the Methodist Church.

Mr. Crum was married to Jessie McCullough.

SAMUEL MAGUIRE, retired miner, has been a resident of Mahoning township, Armstrong county, since 1875, and was engaged in mining until 1902. He is a native of Westmoreland county, born Feb. 29, 1840, and both his grandfathers were pioneers of that county. Barney Maguire, his paternal grandfather, was born in County Derry, Ireland, was a soldier on the Colonial side in the Revolutionary war, and afterward was engaged in packing salt across the mountains. Though he made enough to pay for two thousand acres of land in Westmoreland, Pa., he died poor.

Robert Maguire, son of Barney, was born in Westmoreland county, and lived and died there. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812. By occupation he was a carpenter. He married Mary Oster, daughter of George Os-

ter, and of German descent, and to them were born eleven children, eight of whom reached manhood and womanhood: Jane, who married Adam Daugherty; George; John; Robert; William; Edward; James, and Samuel. All the sons but William served in the Union army during the Civil war, and Robert was killed while in the service, at the battle of Gaines's Mill. The other lived to return home.

Samuel Maguire was reared in Westmoreland county. His first work was as driver on the old Pennsylvania canal, and later he was a pilot. When he came to Armstrong county, in 1859, he located at Freeport, where he found employment as a miner, being thus engaged until the breaking out of the Civil war. On April 27, 1861, he enlisted, becoming a member of Company G, 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, under Capt. (later Gen.) S. M. Jackson. This command, known as the "Apollo Blues," was attached to the 5th Army Corps, and was under fire at Mechanicsville, Va., and at Gaines's Mill, June 27, 1862, where Mr. Maguire was shot in the left lung and captured. He was sent to Libby prison and after a month's confinement there was paroled and sent to Annapolis, Md., where he rejoined his regiment in November, 1862. He subsequently took part in the battles of Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, and the Wilderness, where he was wounded in the left leg May 6, 1864, so severely that amputation was necessary. He received his honorable discharge at Washington, D. C., March 16, 1865, after nine months' confinement in the Judiciary hospital in that city.

Upon his return to Pennsylvania at the close of his army service Mr. Maguire again began coal mining, in Indiana county, and later was similarly employed at Irwin, Westmoreland county. In 1875 he came to Mahoning township, Armstrong county, where he has since resided, and he followed mining here until his retirement in 1902. He has led an industrious, upright life, and is highly esteemed in the locality. For one term he held the office of justice of the peace. He is a Republican in political connection.

In 1868 Mr. Maguire married Sarah McClain, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (McWhorter) McClain, of Mahoning township, and twelve children have been born to them, ten of whom have attained maturity, namely: Eleanor, wife of William Bowes; Charles; Harry W. and Walter, twins; Ida, deceased; Homer; Rose, deceased; Owen and Minnie, twins, the latter the wife of Harry Loder; and Clyde, deceased.

FRANK MUNSHOWER, of Leechburg, Armstrong county, engaged as sheet roller in the employ of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company at Leechburg, was born Dec. 25, 1873, son of Samuel Munshower.

The first ancestor of the Munshower family in America came to this country from Germany, settling in Maryland. Thence John Munshower, great-grandfather of Frank Munshower, came to Indiana county, Pa., settling in Center township, where he followed his trade, that of blacksmith, the rest of his life. He died there about 1840. In Maryland he married Catherine Baker, and a family of nine or ten children was born to them.

William Munshower, son of John and Catherine (Baker) Munshower, came with his parents to Center township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he grew to manhood. He was a lifelong farmer, and cleared a tract of land in that township upon which he resided until his death, which occurred there in 1881 when he was eighty-two years old. The property of seventy acres was all in the woods when he came to it, and the first improvement was the clearing he made for the erection of his shanty. His wife, Anna (Kunkle), lived to the advanced age of ninety-seven years. Their children were: Catherine died when three years old; John died at Parkers Landing, Pa.; Samuel is mentioned below; William, who lives at Cookport, Indiana county, is a justice of the peace; Huston lives at Blairsville, Indiana county; Harrison lives at Blairsville; Mary, twin of Harrison, is the wife of Chambers Yuengling, of Canton, Ohio. The five survivors of this family are all over seventy. All of the sons served in the Union army during the Civil war.

Samuel Munshower, son of William Munshower, was born July 3, 1834, upon his father's farm in Center township, Indiana county, and in early life followed farming. During three months of the year he had such privileges as were afforded at the old log schoolhouse in the neighborhood, where the furnishings were of the most primitive character, slab benches and other rude appliances being the rule at that time. He worked for his father until he was twelve years old, after which he hired out among other farmers, and following his marriage he farmed on his own account from 1857 until the spring of 1865. On March 8, 1865, he enlisted in Indiana for one year, becoming a private in Company F,

74th P. V. I., and was discharged at Clarksburg, W. Va., Sept. 24, 1865. Upon his return home he worked at the carpenter's trade, also doing contracting, and prospered, continuing in this line until his retirement, in 1906. In the spring of 1871 he moved into the borough of Indiana, where he has resided continuously since, making his home at the corner of Church and Eleventh streets. He helped on the construction of the first of the normal school buildings at Indiana, and has worked on many other notable structures there, churches, public buildings, etc. Mr. Munshower is an active member of the Republican party, belongs to Post No. 28, G. A. R., of Indiana, and holds membership in the Lutheran Church.

On Jan. 8, 1857, Mr. Munshower married Susanna Kinnard, daughter of Joseph Kinnard and his wife Mary Ann (Hartzel). Mrs. Munshower is a member of the M. E. Church. To this union have been born the following children: Jemima, Mrs. John Kooser, of Rayne township, Indiana county; Arietta, who died when three years old; Laura A., who is unmarried; Ida, widow of Corry C. Boggs, of Indiana; Charles, of Breckenridge, Allegheny county; Frank; and Annie G., wife of John D. Skelton of Wellsville, Tioga Co., Pennsylvania.

Frank Munshower was born at Indiana, Indiana county, and there began his education in the common schools, later attending the State normal school in that borough. He then learned the trade of marble cutter there, following same for five years, and in February, 1895, began to work in the sheet mill. In 1897 he became a roller, and he has since continued to fill this responsible position. Mr. Munshower has prospered in his undertakings, and he built the Kilpatrick block at the corner of Third and Market streets, Leechburg. He has long been recognized as a citizen who can be depended upon to look out for the best interests of his borough, and in the spring of 1909 was elected a member of the council. He is a Republican on political questions. Mr. Munshower takes an active part in almost every cause or enterprise with which he becomes identified. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is at present serving as chairman of the board of trustees. Socially he belongs to Leechburg lodge of Elks, No. 377, and is one of the trustees of that body.

On Aug. 30, 1894, Mr. Munshower married Rossa B. Shull, daughter of Philip and Mary (Van Tine) Shull, of Leechburg. They have no family.

MATTHEW H. PAFFRATH, proprietor of the "American Hotel" at Ford City, Armstrong county, has lived at that place since 1888 with the exception of a brief stay at Alexander, Pa., and he is now one of its successful business men. He is a native of Germany, born Aug. 18, 1861, in Rheinland, son of William and Catherine (Mueller) Paffrath, both also natives of Rheinland.

William Paffrath was a shoemaker by trade. He came to America with his family in 1886. To him and his wife were born six children, two sons and four daughters: Matthew H.; Theodore, a traveling salesman, who lives at Butler, Pa.; Theresa, wife of Frank Dohner, of Tarentum, Pa.; Annie, deceased, who was the wife of Arnold Tieons; Gertrude, who married John Danhof, a glass worker, of Ford City; and Bertha, who married Charles Heinrichs, of Coal Center, Pennsylvania.

Matthew H. Paffrath attended school in Germany, but he has had to acquire his knowledge of English through his own efforts. He came to America with the family in 1886. When but thirteen years old he had gone to work in the glass works at Schalke, Germany, working there until he came to this country. The family settled at Tarentum, Pa., and he went to work in the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Works, continuing at that point for two years, at the end of which time the company sent him to their plant at Ford City. Here he worked for them until 1896, in which year he went to Alexander, Pa., working at that place until 1900 and then returning to Ford City, where he was again in the employ of the glass company. In 1906 he embarked in the wholesale liquor business, in which he was engaged until 1909, at that time buying the "American Hotel," to the operation of which he has since given the principal part of his attention. He has met with gratifying success, and is one of the substantial citizens of the borough, respected for his industrious career and the enterprise he has shown in advancing himself in spite of many obstacles in his early life.

On Jan. 10, 1885, Mr. Paffrath was married to Theresa Roll, of Altendorn, Germany, and they have had a family of five children: Theresa married Anton Kracht, a glass worker of Ford City, and they have four children, August, Mary, William and Theresa; William, who is with his father at Ford City, married Margaret Wintgens, and has two children,

Margaret and William; Mary is at home; Annie married Joseph Rauscher, a glass worker, at Ford City; John, a glass worker, lives at home. Mr. Paffrath and his family are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, at Ford City, and socially he holds membership in the Knights of St. George, Fraternal Order of Eagles (Aerie No. 606, of Ford City) and the Shooting Club of Ford City. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN F. TOWNSEND, a farmer of Kiskiminetas township, was born there Jan. 8, 1864, on the old homestead of his father, Absalom K. Townsend.

Isaac Townsend, his paternal great-grandfather, was born in England about 1760. His father was a large landowner, who through unfortunate investments lost all he had. Isaac Townsend came to America about 1775, settling in what was then Westmoreland county, but is now Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, where he bought 400 acres of land from George Wolf, paying about seventy-five cents per acre for it. This land is now as valuable as any to be found in Armstrong county. This energetic gentleman was able to turn his hand to almost any kind of work, and as he possessed good judgment was often called upon for advice by his neighbors. A Democrat, after the formation of that party he was elected as its candidate to the offices of auditor, assessor and road supervisor of his township. Reared a Quaker, he became a Lutheran after his marriage, and served that denomination as elder for several years. In 1780 Isaac Townsend and Rachel King were married. She came of German extraction. They had ten children: John, Israel, Robert, Joseph, William, Polly, Susan, and three who died in infancy. The death of Mr. Townsend occurred in 1838, his widow surviving until 1847.

Henry Townsend, grandfather of John F., was born on the home farm about 1795. Early in life he drilled several salt wells and manufactured salt, but later on devoted himself to farming. The Democratic party had his support on political questions, while the Lutheran Church was his religious home. On Feb. 2, 1819, he married Catherine Ulam, and they had ten children, among them being Absalom K.

Absalom K. Townsend was born on the old Townsend homestead in Kiskiminetas township in December, 1826. After attending the public schools of his day he added to his store of knowledge by wide reading and kept himself well informed on all the topics of the times, which he was able to discuss intelligently and from a broad-minded standpoint. He acquired ownership of 400 acres of choice farm land, was an agriculturist of some note, and an excellent citizen. Politically he was a Jacksonian Democrat. The Presbyterian Church of Elder's Ridge held his membership and received his support. On Nov. 6, 1851, Absalom K. Townsend married Mary J. Gamble, and they became the parents of ten children, among them being John F. Townsend.

Daniel Ulam was born in eastern Pennsylvania about 1745, and in 1805 moved to Westmoreland county, where he bought and farmed a large tract of land. He was a Democrat. The Lutheran Church held his membership. In 1775 he married, and had eight children. The death of this one-time prominent man took place in 1815, his widow surviving until 1839.

Catherine Ulam, daughter of Daniel Ulam, married Henry Townsend, grandfather of John F. Townsend, so that he is descended from two of the old and influential families of Armstrong county.

John F. Townsend attended common school until eighteen years old. He was born and reared on his father's farm, grew up amid healthy rural surroundings, and was taught habits of thrift and industry. He is a successful general farmer, and owner of one of the finest agricultural properties in the township. He lives in a handsome residence. His barn is 60 by 70 feet in dimensions, and meets all sanitary requirements of the State. A Democrat, he is very active in the ranks of his party, and interested in its success.

On Feb. 25, 1894, Mr. Townsend was married, in Armstrong county, to Bell Virtue, a daughter of Dr. Virtue. One child, Charles V., was born of this marriage on May 23, 1895, and Mrs. Townsend died on the same day.

THOMAS WELDON MILLIGAN, for a few years a merchant at Worthington, Armstrong county, was born in Clearfield township, Butler Co., Pa., April 1, 1877, son of Samuel and Eliza J. (Shay) Milligan.

John Milligan, his grandfather, a native of Butler county, Pa., was for many years a resident of West Franklin township, this county, where he died. His wife, Nancy, was a daughter of William and Mary (Nicholson) Minteer, natives of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish parentage, who were pioneers in what is now

West Franklin township. John Milligan and his wife were the parents of seven children who grew to maturity: John, a soldier in the Civil war, who died while in the Union service; Samuel; William; James; Thomas; Ellis, and Maggie.

Samuel Milligan, son of John, and father of Thomas W., was born on the old homestead in Clearfield township, Butler Co., Pa., and still lives there, engaged in farming. His children who grew to maturity were: John A., deceased; James H.; Thomas W.; Mamie A., wife of George Ross, and Leslie Parks, deceased.

Thomas Shay, maternal grandfather of Thomas W. Milligan, was born in Clearfield county, Pa. By trade he was a tailor, and followed this calling for many years. He was a pioneer of West Franklin township, and later in life moved to Rimersburg, Clarion Co., Pa., where he died. His wife was Mary Hood.

Thomas W. Milligan was reared on the old homestead in Butler county, Pa., and there attended school and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for ten years in Oakmont and Worthington. In April, 1910, he embarked in the general merchandise business in the latter place, and successfully continued it until his removal to Pittsburgh.

On Sept. 10, 1901, Mr. Milligan was married to Mary Jane, daughter of Abraham and Cinderella (Claypoole) Swigart, of Worthington. Mr. and Mrs. Milligan have three children: Thomas W., Jr., Bessie Agnes, and Ralph Q. Mr. Milligan belongs to the M. E. Church. He is a member of the Verona (Pa.) Lodge, No. 306, and of the I. O. of A. at Worthington. In politics he is a Republican. Mrs. Milligan is a member of the German Baptist Church.

ELLS PRITNER BARRETT, of South Bethlehem, Armstrong county, coal miner, was born in Madison township, this county, Aug. 17, 1872, son of Daniel W. and Emeline (Duncan) Barrett, both natives of Armstrong county.

William Barrett, his grandfather, was born near Ore Hill Furnace, Armstrong county, and followed the occupation of agriculturist. He had a farm in Madison township, which he cleared and improved, and he died there. His wife was a Miss Austin, and they were the parents of six children: David, deceased; John, deceased; Daniel W., deceased; Martha, who married Silas Bish; Rachel, deceased, who married Edward Gardner; and William.

Daniel W. Barrett, son of William, was born and reared on the homestead and his death occurred there Sept. 8, 1911, at the age of sixty-three years. His entire life was spent on the home farm, where he followed the same work as his father. He was industrious and persevering and became a well-to-do farmer of his day. He married Emeline Duncan, a native of Armstrong county, daughter of Jacob Duncan, a pioneer farmer of Madison township, and they reared a family of seven children: Ells P.; Florence, who married William Anthony; Annie, who married Leonard Powell; Estella, who married Braden McDauley; Ross; Otto, and Ralph, the last named deceased.

Ells P. Barrett was brought up in Armstrong county, and educated in the common schools. At the age of seventeen he became employed as a coal miner, and he has ever since followed that line of work in Mahoning township, making his home in South Bethlehem since 1903. There he owns a comfortable home with pleasant surroundings and enjoys the comforts of life. He has been a hard-working man and has gained all he now enjoys by honest labor. He married in 1894 Olive, daughter of Solomon T. and Alice (Mock) Shumaker, of Mahoning township, and they have two children, Alice B. and Gaylord. Mr. Barrett is a member of the F. O. E. He has served for three years on the school board of South Bethlehem, and is a most public-spirited citizen. In politics he is a Republican.

Mrs. Olive (Shumaker) Barrett comes of Revolutionary stock. Her great-great-grandfather, John Shumaker, a native of Germany, served in both the Indian and Revolutionary wars. His wife was Mary Ann Baker, and they settled about 1770 in Westmoreland county, Pa., and died there.

Philip Shumaker was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Barrett. He was born in Westmoreland county Jan. 25, 1784, and in 1814 settled in Mahoning township, Armstrong county, where he died April 10, 1860. His wife was Elizabeth Rose, born Nov. 18, 1790, died June 12, 1863.

Joseph Shumaker, son of Philip and Elizabeth (Rose) Shumaker, born in Mahoning township, was a farmer, and a minister of the German Baptist Church for twenty years. His death occurred in December, 1860, when he was aged forty-one years.

Solomon T. Shumaker, son of Joseph, is a prominent man in his locality. He follows farming in Mahoning township, where

he owns and occupies a part of the old homestead farm where his grandfather settled in 1814. He married Alice Mock, and they are the parents of Olive, Mrs. Ells P. Barrett.

JOHN M. FISCUS, a well-known resident of Apollo, now retired from active business, was born Dec. 11, 1841, in Valley township, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Martin) Fiscus, also natives of Pennsylvania.

Christopher Fiscus, his grandfather, was born in France, and from that country came to America during the latter part of the eighteenth century. For a number of years he was engaged in farming in Westmoreland and Armstrong counties, Pa., and became a man of large estate, owning at one time 600 acres of excellent land in Armstrong County. He had several sons and daughters.

Abraham Fiscus, son of Christopher, was born in 1791 in what is now Burrell township, Armstrong Co., Pa., and died at the age of sixty-nine years. He took an active part in the affairs of his time, serving as a soldier in the war of 1812, and later was a leader in the public affairs of the communities in which he lived. He served as one of the first officers of Valley township, when it was organized in 1835. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, in politics a Republican. He was twice married, his first wife, a Miss Ourie, leaving seven children, and his second wife, Elizabeth Martin, died in 1853, the mother of eight children. She was a daughter of John Martin, a resident of Allegheny township, Armstrong county. The children of the second marriage were: Sarah J., Sidney, Elizabeth, John M., William, Harry, Hugh and Amanda.

John M. Fiscus attended school until he was fourteen years of age and remained at home until his father died, after which the family moved to Allegheny township, Armstrong county, and on Sept. 3, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company K, 78th Pa. Vol. Inf. He served faithfully until March, 1863, when he was honorably discharged on account of disability, but by no means gave up his ambition to serve his country. As soon as his health was restored he reenlisted, on Sept. 3, 1864, entering Company H, 5th Pa. Vols., of which company he became sergeant, and served in this capacity until June 30, 1865. His command was known as Battery H, Heavy Artillery, and was stationed in front of Washington, D. C., at Manassas, and on the Rapidan river. After the war was over Mr. Fiscus returned to Armstrong county and two months afterward became an employee in the old sheet iron mill at Apollo, afterward being advanced to the position of a heater and continuing as such until 1874, when he went to Pittsburgh. There he became a sheet roller in the rolling mill of Moorhead, McClean & Co. In June, 1887, he returned to Apollo and entered the Apollo rolling mill as a sheet roller, and continued to perform the difficult duties of that responsible position until a few years ago, when he retired from hard work and is enjoying well-earned rest. His life has been one of industry and he has always commanded the respect of his fellow citizens.

On July 26, 1863, Mr. Fiscus was married to Anna M. Stivison, a daughter of William Stivison, and six children have been born to them, as follows: Lizzie C., wife of M. E. Haddick; William S.; Lolla M.; Hugh W.; Logan T., and ————. Mr. Fiscus and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically a Republican, he has always given the candidates of that party his support, but has been no office seeker himself.

ALEXANDER B. CAMPBELL, late of Dayton, Armstrong county, for many years a farmer in Wayne township, was born in May, 1828, in Ireland.

Alexander Campbell, his father, was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1797, and died July 10, 1872. Two of his brothers, Mark and William Campbell, came to America with him, the former settling near Echo, in Wayne township, Armstrong county, where he reared a family, while William settled in Manor township, and there reared his family. Alexander came to America in 1836, and settled in what is now Wayne township, Armstrong county, buying 260 acres of wooded land, situated three miles west of Dayton. He cleared his land and followed farming until his death. He was one of the early members of St. Michael's Episcopal Church and was buried in the cemetery adjoining it. He married Margaret Culbertson, born in 1793, who died Nov. 5, 1882, aged eighty-nine years, four months. They had the following children: Isabella and Martha, both of whom died unmarried: Michael, who died on the old homestead; William, who resides at Dayton; Alexander B.; Samuel, who died on the old farm; Margaret, who died unmarried; John, who died at Dayton in 1883; and Ellen, who died unmarried.

Alexander B. Campbell accompanied his

parents to America. Farming became his occupation, and he bought 150 acres of land in Wayne township, on which he resided for some time. Then, with his brother Michael, he bought another farm, of about 150 acres, which they operated until 1884, when Alexander B. Campbell retired from active life and moved to Dayton, and there his death occurred in May, 1909. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was buried in the Glade Run cemetery. He was a Republican in politics and was a well known and highly respected man, but would never accept any office except that of school director. He married Nancy J. Borland, who died Aug. 4, 1894, when aged sixty years. Her father was William Borland, of Armstrong county. They had the following children: John, George and an infant daughter, all deceased; and Florence, W. Newton, Alfred L., James and Nellie. Florence, Nellie and Alfred all reside at Dayton, where they erected a fine residence in 1911. James is a telegraph operator and resides at Dayton; he married a Miss Ross. Alfred L., who was born June 20, 1871, has been engaged upon the home farm.

W. Newton Campbell was born Aug. 4, 1868, on the homestead farm in Wayne township, and was reared there, attending the public schools. In 1908, he came to Dayton and erected a comfortable residence here. He married Catherine E. Beck, a daughter of John W. Beck, of Wayne township, and they have three children: Mabel M., Mansel M. and John A. The family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is steward. Politically he is a Republican.

J. A. JAMES, physician and surgeon, P. O. Yatesboro, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

HARMON SHULTZ, a farmer, residing on his tract of five acres situated on the Kittanning road one mile south of the Brady's Bend road, in Brady's Bend township, owns also two other pieces of farm property, nine acres in Sugar Creek township, and forty-three acres which he recently purchased. He is a miner as well as farmer. He was born near Slate Lick, Armstrong Co., Pa., Jan. 2, 1863, son of August and Caroline (Houser) Shultz.

August Shultz was born in Saxony, Germany, where he was reared, and there learned the business of weaving broadcloth. Three years before coming to America he married Caroline Houser, also a native of Germany, and five children were born to them: Annie, who is the wife of Miles Daugherty, of Newmansville, Clarion Co., Pa.; Frederick, who is a farmer in Forest county, Pa.; Caroline, widow of Charles Garner; Harmon; and Edward, who is chief of the police force at Butler, Pa. When August Shultz first came to Pennsylvania, he settled at Saxonburg, in Butler county, but soon after went to Freeport, Pa., and subsequently worked in the woolen mills of Butler and Kittanning. In 1869 he began to mine coal in Brady's Bend, after which for fifteen years he was engaged in weaving carpets. He died in 1899 at the age of seventy-eight years, and was buried in the cemetery at Brady's Bend, by the side of his wife, who had died in 1883, aged fifty-three years. They were members of the German Lutheran Church. He voted with the Republican party, but was not much of a politician.

Harmon Shultz attended school in Brady's Bend township until sixteen years of age, when he went to Forest county, working in the woods there for seven years and then returning to Brady's Bend township. In the fall of 1913, he bought a farm of forty-three acres near the old homestead.

On May 10, 1885, Mr. Shultz was married to Minnie Shong, daughter of Anthony and Margaret (Deisel) Shong, early settlers in this township, and they became the parents of six children: Annie, who died in 1903, aged fifteen years; Harmon, Jr., who is a miner; Tillie, who attended the Slippery Rock State Normal School, is a music teacher and also teaches school, having been engaged three consecutive terms in Brady's Bend township; Wesber, who is a coal miner; and Elmer and Earl, both of whom are going to school. The family belongs to the Lutheran Church. Mr. Shultz has been a lifelong Republican, but has never accepted any public office except that of school director, having been on the school board since 1904, with the exception of one year. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias at Chicora, and to the Odd Fellows at Brady's Bend, withdrawing from there to join East Brady Lodge (he has been an official in his lodge).

EDWARD MOORE, general manager and foreman of the Moore Mining Tool Company, of Oakland (post office New Bethlehem), Armstrong county, has been associated with that concern since it was established, and has followed the same business all his life. Situated in a mining region, where the demand

for such tools is constant, the Moore Company has a reputaton second to none for the quality and perfection of its products.

Mr. Moore was born in Mahoning township, Armstrong county, July 21, 1867, and has passed most of his life there. He belongs to an old Pennsylvania family, his great-grandfather, John Moore, having been a pioneer of Donegal township, Butler county, where he cleared and improved the farm upon which he resided until his death. His wife's maiden name was Nelson.

Jesse Moore, son of John, was born in Butler county, and married Rachel Bachman, a native of Luzerne county, Pa. In 1859, they settled in Mahoning township, Armstrong county, where they spent the rest of their lives.

David Moore, son of Jesse and Rachel (Bachman), was born April 21, 1837, in Donegal township, Butler Co., Pa., and came with his parents to Mahoning township in 1859. On Aug. 28, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company H, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was mustered into the army at Harrisburg, Pa., two weeks later, and joined the regiment at Nashville, Tenn. He served almost three years, taking part in the battles of Stone River, Dug Gap, McLemores Cove, Lookout Mountain, and other actions, and was honorably discharged June 22, 1865. Mr. Moore has been married three times, his first wife being Mary Jane Henry, of Mahoning township, Armstrong county, his second, Matilda Bitters, daughter of Joseph Bitters, of Blacklick Furnace, and his third, Cynthia Adams. To the second union were born five children: Edward, Elizabeth, wife of James Anthony; Gertrude, wife of J. A. Behem; James G., and John H.

Edward Moore grew up in Mahoning township and was educated there in the common schools. When eighteen he began his apprenticeship to the business he has since followed, the making of mining tools, serving two years. After another year's work he was appointed foreman of a tool shop at Reynoldsville, Pa., for Bell, Yates & Co., with whom he remained three years. In 1894, he embarked in business for himself at Oakland, continuing there until 1907, when his shop was burned. After this disaster he went out to Los Angeles, Cal., where he was in the employ of an automobile house for a few years, in 1910 returning to Oakland and rebuilding his shop. In partnership with his brother John he did business under the name of Moore Brothers for one year, his brother then selling his interest to A. D. Smith, of Pittsburgh, who has since been associated with Edward Moore as the Moore Mining Tool Company. The plant is equipped with the most approved modern machinery for the manufacture of mining tools for all purposes, and the output has a reputation for high quality which has brought the firm national popularity.

On Nov. 24, 1887, Mr. Moore married Clara Sample, daughter of Henderson and Catherine (Jones) Sample of Oakland, and they have had nine children: Elmo, who is deceased; Catherine; Michael; Samuel; Foster; Chester; C. A.; Pauline, and Carman.

Mr. Moore is a Seventh Day Adventist in religious connection. Socially he belongs to the Royal Arcanum, and in political association he is a Republican.

HARVEY S. SCHLEMMER, wholesale dealer in malt liquors, at Rural Valley, Armstrong county, was born in Jefferson county, Pa., March 30, 1877, son of Frederick and Mary (Martin) Schlemmer and a grandson of John Schlemmer. The latter was a native of Germany, and emigrated with his family to America. His death occurred in Ohio.

Frederick Schlemmer, son of John Schlemmer, was born in Germany, and was ten years old when he accompanied his father to America, the family first settling at Buffalo, N. Y. From there they moved by team to Jefferson county, Pa., where Frederick Schlemmer passed the remainder of his life, following farming as his main occupation. His death occurred in 1901, when he was aged sixty-eight years. He married Mary Martin, who survives, and they had the following children: Frederick (died young), Margaret, Elizabeth, Susan, William, Adam (deceased), Charles, Philip, Maude (deceased), Harvey S., Pearl, Jane and Clair.

Harvey S. Schlemmer attended public school in Jefferson county and assisted his father on the home farm, afterward being employed for three years on the construction of public works. In 1904, he embarked in the wholesale liquor business at Rural Valley and has devoted his attention to this line ever since, being the only wholesale dealer in the place. He is a stockholder in the Rural Valley National Bank.

Mr. Schlemmer married Elizabeth Barnett, daughter of William Barnett, of Jefferson county, Pa., and they have had five children, namely: Forest F., Olene C. (deceased), Helen V., Von R. and Dale B. Mr. Schlemmer and his family attend the Presbyterian

Church. He is an active and public-spirited citizen and is serving as a member of the school board, having been elected to the same on the Republican ticket. He belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

GEORGE A. GOURLEY, deceased, for many years a farmer and merchant of Rural Valley, was born near Saltsburg, Indiana Co., Pa., Feb. 4, 1821, son of John and Martha (Scott) Gourley.

Samuel Gourley, his grandfather, was born in Ireland, and came to Westmoreland county, Pa., at a very early date, there buying land which he improved until it became a valuable property, and there he died. He married Catherine Dickey, and they had several children, among them being John.

John Gourley was born near Hannastown, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and there grew to manhood. He was engaged as a teacher in his native county, was a fine penman, and also an accountant and skillful surveyor, so that his services were in demand in many ways. In 1843, he moved to Armstrong county, settling in Cowanshannock township, and there he died in 1846. In 1816, he married Martha Scott, and they had fourteen children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Lavina Belinda, who married Andrew Marshall, of Dayton; Juliet; George A.; John; Samuel; Alexander, and Benjamin. Benjamin was a soldier during the Civil war, serving in Company D, 62d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and had been in the army four months when he died of quinsy in a hospital near Washington, D. C. Alexander was also a soldier in the same great struggle.

George A. Gourley was brought up on the homestead and had the advantage of his father's instruction during his school days. In 1852 he went to Kittanning, where he found employment as a clerk until 1856, when he came to Rural Valley and established himself as a general merchant, continuing thus very successfully until 1879. Thereafter he devoted himself to farming and the handling of his real estate interests.

On Sept. 22, 1860, Mr. Gourley married Anna Earhart, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Ruppert) Earhart, of Saltsburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Gourley became the parents of the following children: Mary A., who married Dr. Thomas F. Stockdill; Olive B., who married Harper Ambrose; Laura B. who married George S. Hosick; and George A., Jr., who is deceased.

Politically, Mr. Gourley was a Republican, and he served Rural Valley as postmaster for several years. His religious affiliations were with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the faith of which he died Jan. 30, 1894, in his seventy-third year. He had been a prosperous merchant, successful farmer and eminently good man, and is remembered with respect.

MINICH. The Minich family has long been associated with this section of Pennsylvania, and many of its representatives have made their homes in upper Armstrong county and the adjoining portion of Jefferson county for years.

Peter Minich, the grandfather of Jacob Minich, of Ringgold township, Jefferson county, was born in Northumberland county, Pa., toward the close of the eighteenth century, and moved to Ringgold township, Jefferson Co., Pa., in 1830. By trade he was a blacksmith, and also followed farming, and upon moving to Jefferson county located on the property now known as the John Minich farm. Peter Minich married Catherine Shade, and to their marriage came the following children: Henry is mentioned at length below; Polly married a Mr. Haines and (second) Henry Shelly; Jacob was married twice, his second wife being Catherine Hollenback; Lucetta married John Hess; Elizabeth married John Ceist, of Ringgold township; Simon married Mary Brocious. The father of those children died in 1858, when he was about sixty years old, and he and his wife are laid to rest in the grounds of the Reformed Church at North Freedom.

Henry Minich, son of Peter Minich, was born in Northumberland county, Pa., in 1814, and came to Ringgold township, Jefferson Co., Pa., with his father when sixteen years old. After living there for two years he returned to his old home and married Catherine Harter, of Northumberland county, by whom he had the following children: Samuel, Polly, Lucetta, Elizabeth, Catherine, Jesta, Sarah and Henry. The mother of these died and later Mr. Minich married (second) Matilda Young, a daughter of William Young. They had these children: Levina, Jacob, John, Miranda, Rachel, Ida, Louisa, Robert, Grant, Elmer, Vernie, Cora, and one child who was stillborn. Henry Minich settled on the tract of land now owned by his son, Grant Minich, and carried on general farming on his property, which consisted of 210 acres. He was a successful man. When he died his farm was divided into five portions, but later was bought

up and divided into three parts by his sons John, Grant and Elmer. In addition to farming Henry Minich also engaged in blacksmithing, being active until within a short time of his death, when he was obliged to retire on account of advancing years. Politically he was a Republican during his latter years, and he served very capably as supervisor, school director and in other township offices. For many years he was a member of the United Evangelical Church of North Freedom. He is buried in the graveyard of the Evangelical association in Jefferson county, together with his second wife, his first wife having been laid to rest in the Reformed Church graveyard at North Freedom. The death of this excellent man occurred in January, 1890, when he was seventy-six years old, and his demise was mourned by the many who knew and appreciated him. For many years he was a leading man of his locality, and his principles were of the sturdy, upright kind that make for honorable manhood and true Christianity.

Jacob Minich, son of Henry Minich, was born April 6, 1854, in Ringgold township, Jefferson Co., Pa. His boyhood was passed in his native township, where he attended the district schools, and he assisted his father with the farm duties, also working for his father in the lumber woods. In 1878 he moved to Knox township, Jefferson Co., Pa., there clearing a tract of 175 acres of timber. In 1899 he came to Armstrong county, although he continued his lumbering interests in Jefferson and Clarion counties, remaining here until 1911, when he returned to Jefferson county, and is now living on and conducting a seven-acre tract at North Freedom, although practically retired. In addition to his other operations, Mr. Minich conducted a sawmill in Knox township, Jefferson county, for sixteen years, and was successful in this line as he had been in others. Few men understand lumbering so thoroughly as he, for when he began working in the woods he built himself a frame house there and lived in the midst of his operations. In addition to his home property Mr. Minich owns 140 acres of land in Armstrong county, three other tracts of 211, 100 and 140 acres, respectively, and 175 acres in Knox township.

Jacob Minich married Rebecca Holben, a daughter of Jacob and Amelia (Doverspike) Holben, of Langville, Jefferson county, and they have had the following children: James M. is mentioned below; Robert married Elizabeth Mitchell, of Clarion county, Pa.; Sarah married T. T. Roebuck, of Jefferson county; Charles married Pearl Boozer, of Clarion county; Emma married R. W. Shick, of Clarion county; Thomas Jacob and Nellie Matilda both died in childhood.

Politically Jacob Minich is a Republican, and he held the office of school director and supervisor in Armstrong county. Formerly he was a member of the American Mechanics and the Grangers of Jefferson county. For years he has been a member of the United Evangelical Church of North Freedom, which he has served as trustee, steward and Sunday school treasurer. During his long and useful life Jacob Minich has lived up to his sense of right and given to each man what he felt was a fair deal. Few men stand as high among those with whom they are associated as does Mr. Minich, and his prosperity has been honorably gained through steadfast endeavor.

Holben. Jacob Holben, father-in-law of Jacob Minich, was born in Armstrong county, where he died March 30, 1911, aged seventy-eight years, ten months, twenty-five days. His wife, Amelia (Doverspike) Holben, died Jan. 14, 1908, aged seventy-two years, one month, seventeen days. Their children were: Jennie, who died young; Annie, who married Jacob Miller, of Oak Ridge; Rebecca (Mrs. Minich), who was born in Armstrong county, Pa., April 14, 1857, and was educated in the schools of her home township; Catherine, who married John Shaffer, of New Bethlehem; Ellen, who married Adam Wills; Sarah, who married John Wills, a brother of Adam Wills; Emma, who married G. W. Reddinger, of Armstrong county; Caroline, who married David Reddinger, of Clarion county; Tina, who married James Schlegel, of New Bethlehem; Grant, who married Jennie Yundt, of Ringgold township; Margaret, Mrs. Frick, of Ohio; and Jacob and Harvey William, both of whom died young.

Mr. Holben was a farmer, and carried on extensive operations in Red Bank township. When his country had need of his services, although he was married at the time, he enlisted and served for three years, participating in many important battles. Returning home he resumed farming thus continuing until within eight years of his death, when he moved to South Bethlehem, Armstrong county, where he rounded out his useful life. A Republican, he held all the township offices, and also acted as an administrator and executor in the settlement of many estates. In religious matters he was a member of the New Salem

United Evangelical Church, but attended the Methodist Church before he died.

JAMES M. MINICH, a son of Jacob Minich, is a farmer of Red Bank township, Armstrong county. He was born in Ringgold township, Jefferson county, near the John Minich home, Jan. 8, 1876. After attending public school in both Jefferson and Armstrong counties, he worked for his father until he was twenty-four years old, when he began farming for himself, and now carries on general farming very successfully.

James M. Minich married Mrs. Ida E. (Snyder) Mitchell, who was born March 21, 1878, and educated in the schools of Jefferson county. She is a daughter of John H. and Lydia (Powell) Snyder, of Jefferson county, and widow of J. Mitchell. The latter was born Nov. 23, 1872, died Sept. 22, 1899, leaving one child, Fern, born May 2, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were married April 11, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Minich have had three children, Texas, born Jan. 10, 1901; Leon, born Jan. 4, 190—; and Juanita.

Mr. Minich is a Republican, but has not sought office. For years he has been a member of the Grange in Jefferson county. In religious connection he is a member of the United Evangelical Church at North Freedom, and has served as teacher in the Sunday school. In every respect he is a reliable, trustworthy man, and his standing in his community is due to his own worth, and a credit to those with whom he is connected by ties of relationship or business.

SNYDER. George Snyder, grandfather of Mrs. James M. Minich, was a farmer and local preacher. He married a Miss Mohney, and lived for years at Pine Run (Petersburg), Jefferson Co., Pa. He and his wife had seventeen children, among them being: John, Freeman, George, Abraham, William, Simon, Catherine, Polly, Christopher, Jane, Hulda and Eva Ann. Politically he was a Democrat, but did not care for office. The United Evangelical Church had in him not only a faithful member but a preacher as well, and he served the people when a regular minister was absent and was superintendent of the Sunday school connected with the church for many years. His death occurred when he was eighty-one years old, and he is buried at Petersburg, Jefferson Co., Pennsylvania.

John H. Snyder, son of George Snyder, was born in Jefferson county, Pa., Jan. 27, 1842, and died Dec. 9, 1908. Growing up in Jefferson county he attended public school and remained upon his father's farm until young manhood. He then bought a small tract of land in his native county, but soon sold it to purchase a larger one of 105 acres, which he operated for seventeen years. Still later he bought a farm in Armstrong county, and he spent his last days at North Freedom, but died while on a visit to his daughter at Braddock, Pennsylvania.

John H. Snyder married Lydia Powell, of Jefferson county, born Jan. 4, 1847, and they had children as follows: Mary, who married J. H. Boozer; Sophia, who married P. C. Boozer, a brother; Eliza, who married Amos Harmon, of Kansas; Wesley, who died young; Charles, who married Emma Yundt, and lives at North Freedom; Minnie, who married O. J. Rauger, of Swissvale; Jesse, who married Emma Shirey, of Jefferson county; Ida E., who married James M. Minich; James, who married Otie Wise, of Jefferson county; Craig, who married Sadie Reddinger, of Oakland, Armstrong county; and Mervin, who married Bessie Wise, of Jefferson county.

Mr. Snyder was a Democrat, and was elected on his party ticket to supervisor. He attended the Methodist Church in Ringgold township. His widow survived until Jan. 8, 1911.

CLARENCE D. BRADLEY, M. D., who has been engaged in medical practice at Ford City, Armstrong county, throughout his professional career, was born in 1879 at Bangkok, Siam, and was twelve years of age when brought to the United States. He attended public school at Oberlin, Ohio, for a time, and subsequently entered Oberlin College, at that place, graduating from that institution in 1902. He then took a medical course in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, receiving his degree of M. D. in the year 1907. After a brief experience as resident physician at the Samaritan hospital, in Philadelphia, he settled down at Ford City, Armstrong county, for independent practice. This was the year of his graduation, and he has continued to practice in that location since, having acquired a creditable patronage. He is local surgeon at Ford City for the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company.

Dr. Bradley is a member of the Armstrong County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Socially he has numerous connections, holding membership in Lodge No. 244, F. & A. M.; the I. O. O. F. lodge at Ford City; the Independent Order of Ameri-

cans; the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Owls. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church.

On Sept. 10, 1908, Dr. Bradley was united in marriage with Margaret Ballas.

WILLIAM K. GIBSON, supervisor of Boggs township, Armstrong county, where he is engaged in farming, has been a useful man in his community and holds the respect of all who know him. He was born Aug. 15, 1841, in Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, son of John A. and Mary Jane (Kennedy) Gibson and grandson of Levi and Jane Gibson.

Levi Gibson, who is supposed to have been a native of Ireland, was an early settler in Plum Creek township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he hewed a home out of the wilderness and lived and died. There was a blockhouse in the neighborhood in that day for the settlers to take refuge in from the attacks of the Indians, and he himself took part in many of the Indian skirmishes. William K. Gibson remembers hearing his grandmother relate how she and the other women would mold bullets for the men when they were besieged. The children of Levi Gibson were: John, Matilda, William, Jane, Joseph, Nancy, Sloan and Esther.

John A. Gibson, father of William K. Gibson, followed farming until his wife died. He died in Boggs township. Their children were Martha, Margaret and William K.

William K. Gibson was but six years old when his mother died. He passed his early years in his native township and received his education in the public schools there. At the age of fourteen he went to live with an uncle, S. M. Peart, an old settler of Armstrong county, on the banks of the Allegheny river in Boggs township. When the Civil war began he went to the defense of the Union, enlisting Aug. 15, 1861, at Camp Meade, in Company A, 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He served three years, and was actively engaged in many important battles, including those at Green River, LaVergne, Stone River, Shelbyville, Tracy City, Chattanooga; going to Florence, Ala., they crossed the river and took part in the engagements of Raccoon and Sand Mountains; the operations in the valley of the Chickamauga and the battle. Returning to Chattanooga they were in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Dalton, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek and Kenesaw Mountain. After the battle of Atlanta Mr. Gibson returned home, and he was mustered out Nov. 4, 1864, at Kittanning. While in the army he contracted smallpox, and has suffered from the effects ever since. Going back to the Peats farm in Boggs township, he was married in that township in the fall of 1866 and then settled on the Peats "eighty" there, living at that place for two years. He then moved to a sixty-five-acre tract near Pine Furnace, in Boggs township, where he made his home for three years, spending the next three years at Wells Furnace, on the Mahoning river. He then removed to the Stillhouse property on Scrub Grass creek, in Armstrong county, where he remained for another three years, thence going to the Baum property in Boggs township, near Oscar station. After two years' residence there he moved to Goheenville for five years, and then located on a farm at New Bethlehem, upon which place he continued to live for seventeen years. His wife dying, he moved from there to Mosgrove, settling on the place about one and a half miles north of that town where he has since remained. He has taken considerable interest in the affairs of the locality, having served several terms as supervisor, and he has filled minor offices of a public nature, discharging his duties in every capacity with a fidelity to duty which has won the commendation of his fellow citizens. In political connection he is a stalwart Republican.

In 1866 Mr. Gibson was married to Rebecca Gibson, of Butler county, Pa., who died at New Bethlehem, April 12, 18—, aged fifty-two years. They became the parents of four children: Lawrence, born in Boggs township, who is deceased; John Harney, born at Pine Furnace, who is engaged in business as a merchant; Maud, born on the Baum place, who lives at home; and Ella, born at Goheenville, who is deceased.

WILLIAM J. PORTER, contractor and builder, residing in Parks township, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born there June 11, 1871, son of William Porter and grandson of William Porter.

William Porter, the grandfather, was born in New York State and from there came to Pennsylvania, settling in Westmoreland county, his farm being the present site of the borough of Greensburg. Thence he subsequently moved to Allegheny township, Armstrong county, where the remainder of his life was passed. He married a member of the Ford family and they had the following children: William, Henry, Thomas, Elizabeth, Rachel, Martha and Catherine.

William Porter, son of William and father of William J. Porter, was born on his father's farm in Westmoreland county and later accompanied his parents to Armstrong county. At the death of his father he became the successor on the home farm of ninety acres and this land he cleared and erected all the buildings on the place. In addition to farming, in earlier years he followed coopering. He was twice married, first to Salina, daughter of John Myers, and second to Mary Hodel. To the first marriage the following children were born: Mary, Henry, Elizabeth, Thomas, Rachel, William J., Archibald, Sarah and Martha. To the second union were born: Robert, Ford. Edward, Frederick and Samuel.

William J. Porter obtained his educational training in the Slate Point school, in Parks township, in the meanwhile assisting on the home farm until he was seventeen years of age, when he learned the carpenter's trade, and he had a great deal of practical experience in building prior to 1905, at which time he went into business for himself. He has been very successful in his business undertakings and has built houses and barns all over this section, doing a large amount of work at Leechburg. He purchased the Darbaker farm of seventy acres, lying in Parks township, a valuable tract underlaid with coal, and has maintained his home on the farm ever since.

Mr. Porter was married Feb. 27, 1896, to Sallie B. Riggle, daughter of Henry and Mary C. (Parks) Riggle, and they have eight children: Harvey R., Elizabeth C., Florence B., Lucilla M., Rosanna M., Loraine, William J. and James R. Mr. Porter and family are members of the Lutheran Church at Highfields. Politically one of the leading Democrats of Parks township, he served three years in the office of constable, also as a member of the election board and seven years as a member of the school board, of which he is president. Fraternally he is a member of Leechburg Lodge, No. 577, F. & A. M., and belongs also to the Grange.

JOHN SHOOP was born in 1802 in Montgomery county, Pa., and received a common school education. Coming to Armstrong county in 1818 or 1819, he settled at the mouth of the Kiskiminetas river and commenced housekeeping. Later he moved to what is now the site of Manorville, and in 1837, obtained 128 acres of the old Johnson tract. Here he first built a house on the river bank which he occupied for eighteen years, in 1854 or 1855 building the residence occupied by his widow until her death. He followed farming and dealt in oil, followed work on the Allegheny river for several years, and was one of the prosperous citizens of his locality. He was a Democrat in politics, held local offices, and in religious connection was a Lutheran. He became well and favorably known all over the county. Mr. Shoop died at the old home in February, 1872. He had a large family, his first wife, whose maiden name was Klingensmith, being the mother of eleven children: John R., now deceased, who went to the Black Hills; Mary, who died in 1911; Elizabeth, deceased; Susan, deceased; Jacob, deceased; Aaron, deceased; George W., who is in the oil business at Perryville, Pa.; Jane, deceased; Samuel, deceased; Maggie, deceased; and F. S., deceased. The mother of this family died, and on Aug. 15, 1861, Mr. Shoop married (second) Elizabeth Shotts, of Armstrong county, Pa., who died on the old homestead Nov. 16, 1912. There were seven children by this marriage: A daughter that died in infancy; Walter, who died in 1870; Ira; Harvey, who is engaged as a railroad flagman at Hulton, Pa.; William, twin of Harvey, living at home; Martin Luther, of San Jose, Cal., who has a bicycle repair shop; and John E., a glass grinder by trade, who lives on part of the old home place.

CHARLES A. WOLFE, justice of the peace and one of the live young business men of Kittanning, has been a general merchant at that place for a number of years and is well and favorably known in official circles and church life as well as in his business connections. He was born Dec. 10, 1873, at Adrian, Armstrong county, son of John E. Wolfe, a native of the same place.

The father received a common school education, was reared to farming in the vicinity of Kittanning, and ever since he commenced life on his own account has been engaged in agricultural work. He resides on a farm in Washington township, this county. He has held several township offices, being an active member of the Republican party, and he is also well known as a zealous member of the Lutheran Church, which he has served on the council for several years and also as superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Wolfe married Eleanor E. Lemmon, who was born in Armstrong county, across the river from Templeton, two miles south of Mahoning, daughter of Alexander and Sarah Lemmon. Seven children have been born to Mr. and

Mrs. Wolfe, six of whom survive, Charles A. being the eldest of these.

Charles A. Wolfe obtained a common school education in Washington township and also attended Grove City College. He then taught school in Washington township for five years before going into business life. When he gave up teaching and moved to Kittanning he went into the general mercantile business on his own account, and for seven years was located on Johnson avenue, Wickboro, engaged in that line, in 1906 erecting his present store building, at No. 1400 Orr avenue. It is 24 by 60 feet in dimensions, two stories and basement, conveniently arranged. Here he has since done a steadily increasing business, the trade in 1912 amounting to $35,000. Four people are given constant employment in the store, which is a popular trade center, and Mr. Wolfe's success may be attributed to accommodating ways and progressive methods. He has the faculty of adapting his arrangements to suit the convenience of his patrons, who show substantial appreciation of his obliging disposition.

Mr. Wolfe is a man of broad intelligence, and has not devoted all his energies to the promotion of his private interests. When the borough was organized he was elected, in 1900, justice of the peace, on the Republican ticket, and he has continued to hold that office since. He has been twice elected member of the school board, now serving a six-year term, and at this writing is secretary of that body; was formerly treasurer of the council, in which position he served seven years; and has been judge of election for a number of years. Originally a Republican, he became a member of the Washington or Progressive party two years ago, and was one of the seven men who first "lined up" that party in Wickboro. Mr. Wolfe has been an active member of the Lutheran Church, serving as one of the board, and was formerly superintendent of the Sunday school. Fraternally he belongs to the I. O. O. F., being an active member of Cowansville Lodge, No. 750, and he is also a member of the B. P. O. Elks, at Kittanning.

In October, 1903, Mr. Wolfe married Laura McGaughey, who was born near Rural Valley, Armstrong county; both of her parents were deceased at the time of her marriage. No children have been born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe have their home at the same premises as his store is in Wickboro.

SYLVESTER F. HILDEBRAND, a veteran of the Civil war, residing at Apollo, Armstrong county, was born at that place April 16, 1847, son of George W. and Elizabeth (Ford) Hildebrand. His maternal grandparents, Jacob and Christina (Lynch) Ford, were early residents of Armstrong county, and he owned land in Apollo. By trade he was a cooper. They were Methodists in religion.

George W. Hildebrand and his wife were born in Pennsylvania, and both are now deceased. For a number of years the father ran a packet boat on the Pennsylvania canal. Two children were born to them, Sylvester F. and George W., the latter also residing in Apollo.

Sylvester F. Hildebrand attended public school until his fifteenth year. When only fifteen years, four months old he enlisted, on Aug. 22, 1862, in Company E, 139th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. This company was recruited by a young clergyman, Rev. I. A. Pierce, but as it lacked the full quota it was consolidated with another company, also recruited by a clergyman, Rev. Jeremiah Sample, in Allegheny county. Company E left Apollo by canalboat. John Townsend, who owned and lived on the farm where the city of Vandergrift has since been built, took them on his boat to Freeport, on the Pennsylvania canal, and promised that when the war was over he would invite all the boys on the boat to spend a day with him at his home and give them the best the old farm afforded. Three years later he kept his promise to the survivors. The companies mentioned were consolidated and with others organized into a regiment at Camp Howe which was mustered in as the 139th Pennsylvania Troops, with F. H. Collier, of Pittsburgh, as colonel. Mr. Hildebrand served with this command until his discharge. It was attached to the 3d Brigade, 3d Division, 6th Army Corps (some time afterward the brigade was changed to 1st Brigade, 2d Division), and was kept continually at the front in that brigade until the close of the war, participating in many hard-fought engagements, and losing 145 killed in battle, besides those wounded and otherwise incapacitated. It was in twenty-four battles, took part in the grand review at Washington after peace was concluded, and was mustered out with an honorable record.

Mr. Hildebrand never missed a day's duty while in the service, or a roll call, and never reported at a sick call, but was always prepared to do his duty, whatever it was, when called upon and took part in every battle and skirmish in which the regiment was engaged, which included many of the most important engagements of the war, viz.: Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the

Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Winchester, Cedar Creek, and others. At the battle of Salem Church, near Fredericksburg, May 3, 1863, a soldier of Company K was killed at Mr. Hildebrand's left side and fell across in front of him, Mr. Hildebrand being obliged to step over him, as they were advancing rapidly in line of battle. On July 3, 1863, at Gettysburg, while they were lying down on the battle line, a sharpshooter in "Devil's den" shot over Mr. Hildebrand's body and killed Capt. Jeremiah M. Sample, of Allegheny City, who was in command of the company, the ball entering his left side and passing through his body. During the battle of the Wilderness, on May 5, 1864, Henderson Cochran, of Springchurch, Armstrong Co., Pa., was killed at Mr. Hildebrand's right side, and at his left at the same time another comrade was shot down, and a few minutes later C. S. Whitworth, of Apollo (for whom Whitworth Post, No. 89, was named), was severely wounded. In the battle of Spottsylvania, May 12, 1864, Mr. Hildebrand's leg was struck by a spent ball, which, however, did no damage. On May 18th, at break of day, while advancing through the woods, he captured a big six-foot North Carolinian of the Thirty-second North Carolina regiment, and turned him over to the provost guard. Another comrade of Mr. Hildebrand, Sergeant Alburger, was killed at his left at the battle of Cold Harbor, June 2, 1864. When Early made his celebrated raid in July, 1864, threatening Washington, in order to make General Grant raise the siege of Petersburg, Grant sent the Sixth Army Corps, to which Mr. Hildebrand's regiment was attached, to Washington by water. When they arrived General Early was at Fort Stevens, five miles from the capital, and the Sixth Corps prevented him from entering the city. Fort Stevens was occupied by citizens as well as soldiers, and a citizen was wounded just outside the fort. President Lincoln was there, the engagement which took place being the only battle of the war he witnessed. Mr. Hildebrand saw Lincoln at that time. At Fisher's Hill, Va., Sept. 22, 1864, Mr. Hildebrand had a very narrow escape, when a Minie ball struck the musket barrel directly in front of him, coming with such force that the barrel was bent and the bullet spread around it. On Thanksgiving Day, 1864, while engaged on forage duty near the Shenandoah as one of a small detachment, he was taken prisoner by Mosby's guerrillas, disguised as Federal soldiers, but the party was rescued by Union cavalry within an hour or so. Mr. Hildebrand had an interesting experience, a detailed account of which, written by him, together with a picture of Mr. Hildebrand taken during his service, appeared in the Washington (D. C.) *Times* of May 27, 1912. He carried a gun for two and a half years, until he was detailed as a mounted orderly on a brigadier general's staff, serving thus until the end of the war, at which time he was only eighteen years old.

Returning to Apollo at the close of his military service, Mr. Hildebrand found employment for a time in the rolling mills, and afterward bought the farm upon which he lived until 1907, devoting his active years to agriculture, in which he made a substantial success. He has since made his home in Apollo, spending his years in comfortable ease.

Mr. Hildebrand is a Democrat and has always taken an active part in promoting the success of his party. One of the most prominent members of the Grand Army of the Republic in this part of Pennsylvania, he has served a number of years as commander of Whitworth Post, No. 89, and has held all the other offices in the order, for whose welfare he has worked faithfully.

On May 9, 1874, in Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Hildebrand married Isabelle Ament, who was born at North Washington, in Westmoreland county, daughter of George and Hannah (Hartman) Ament and granddaughter of George and Elizabeth (Marts) Ament. The grandfather was a blacksmith and farmer, and his son George followed the same trade, at North Washington; he was a native of Westmoreland county. Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand are members of the First Lutheran Church at Apollo. They have six living children: Lizzie B., wife of Chance Welsh; Boyd L., a roller in the Vandergrift mill, who married Stella McClaughlin; Retta F., who is the wife of Bruce Coulter, a roller in the Vandergrift mills; Edward W., business manager of the Apollo *Sentinel;* Cleason C., editor of the Apollo *Sentinel,* who married Irene Smith; and Edith E., wife of John Zimmerman, a roll turner at Vandergrift.

BLAIR P. MARSHALL, a resident of the borough of Dayton, is one of the active business men of his district, being interested in farming, lumbering and the stock business. He was born Oct. 22, 1873, son of William and Mary Ann (Blair) Marshall, and belongs to a family which has held a leading place in this

section for many years. He is a descendant of William Marshall, a native of Ireland, who came to America about 1748.

(I) William Marshall, the emigrant ancestor of this family, was born in 1722 in Ireland. When a young man he went to Scotland, where about 1748 he married Elizabeth Armstrong, and they soon afterward came to America. They settled in the southern part of what was then the Province of Pennsylvania, about sixty miles northwest of Baltimore, Md., near where the Marsh creek crossed the Pennsylvania and Maryland line—in what was known as the Conococheague settlement. It is now included in Adams county, Pa. Their family of six children, John, James, Margaret, William, Archibald and Samuel, were all born at this place. About the year 1783 William and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Marshall removed with part of their family to Westmoreland county, Pa., settling in that portion now included in Indiana county, to which section their sons John and James had emigrated several years previously. They had been driven back by the hostility of the Indians, however, John and his family returning to their first settlement in the East, and James, who was then unmarried, stopping at Sewickley settlement. William Marshall, the father, settled on a tract of land at Blacklegs creek, now included in the township of Conemaugh, Indiana county, where he and his wife died, Mr. Marshall in 1796, Mrs. Marshall in 1806. A copy of his will is on record at Greensburg, Pa., in the Westmoreland county courthouse, in Will Book I, page 134. A record of his family appears elsewhere in this work.

(II) William Marshall, third son of William and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Marshall, was born June 3, 1756, and married Catherine Wilson in 1779. Moving to western Pennsylvania, they settled on a tract of land in what is now Black Lick township, Indiana county, but being unable to secure a title to this property they moved in 1803 to Armstrong county, making their home in what is now Wayne township. They were the first white settlers in that region, and they had no neighbors within five miles. Their location was on Glade run, on what is now the site of the Dayton fair grounds, and Mr. Marshall cleared land and built a cabin. In 1813 he moved with his family to the place where the home of his son William afterward stood, built a house, and there passed the remainder of his days. Here he died April 28, 1831, and he was buried in the Glade Run cemetery. He was one of the organizers and first elders of the First Presbyterian Church established at Glade Run, near Dayton, and in his barn was preached the first sermon ever delivered in the neighborhood. Mrs. Marshall, who died in 1817, is buried upon the farm of Benjamin Irwin in Wayne township. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall had a family of nine children: Joseph, Elizabeth (or Betsy, Mrs. McClelland), Margaret (Mrs. Benjamin Urban), Mary (or Polly, Mrs. Abel Finley), William, John, James, Robert and Samuel.

(III) Robert Marshall, son of William and Catherine (Wilson) Marshall, was born Aug. 19, 1799, in what is now Indiana (then Westmoreland) county, in the vicinity of Clarksburg. After his marriage he and his wife settled on Glade run, where he built a log house about one and a half miles south of what is now Dayton borough. The property was then woods, and he cleared some of the land and ran a distillery. He then bought and moved to a large tract at what is now the site of Dayton borough, and built a house a half mile from town, residing there for some time. At both these places he followed farming. He also bought grain and other farm products which he hauled to Phillipsburg, Old Town and Curwensville and exchanged for merchandise. In 1850 Mr. Marshall took his sons William and Thomas H. into partnership with him in the management of his growing interests. They had a general store in Dayton, one of the first established there, and about three hundred acres of land, William and his father looking after the farm and Thomas H. devoting his time to the mercantile end of the business. On April 9, 1868, Robert Marshall sold his real estate to his sons, but he retained his interest in the store until his death. There were few men who did more notable work for the advancement of this section than he accomplished in his lifetime. The cause of education always had a hearty supporter in him, and he gave the ground on which the building of the Dayton Academy stood and was the promoter of that institution. He was one of the originators of the Dayton Soldiers' Orphans' School and its heaviest stockholder. A member of the Associate or Seceder Church, he was one of the founders of the church of that denomination at Glade Run, and its house of worship and burying ground were located upon land donated by him for that purpose. After its formation he became a member of the U. P. Church, being one of the organizers of that church at Dayton and taking an active part in its work. In politics he was originally

a Whig, later a Republican. Mr. Marshall died Oct. 1, 1881, in the village of Dayton, where he resided from the time of his second marriage.

On Dec. 4, 1821, Mr. Marshall married Mary Hindman, who was born June 6, 1801, daughter of Rev. John Hindman. Mrs. Marshall was a native of the same locality where her husband was born and reared. They had the following children: William; Thomas H.; Catherine, who married John Wilson Marshall (son of John, grandson of Archibald and great-grandson of William, to whom his wife traced her line); Caroline, Mrs. William Sloan; Emaline, who died unmarried; Jonathan, who died when seventeen years old; Mary, widow of David W. Lawson, living in Wayne township; and Rebecca K., widow of Rev. Samuel C. Reed, a U. P. minister, now making her home at Beaver, Pa. The mother of this family died Dec. 29, 1869, and Mr. Marshall married for his second wife, July 25, 1871, Mary Jane Armstrong, who was born Sept. 14, 1834. She now makes her home in Wayne township, Armstrong county, with her niece, Mrs. Samuel P. Butler. No children were born to the second marriage.

John D. Armstrong, father of Mrs. Mary Jane (Armstrong) Marshall, was a native of Ireland. He and his wife Ellen (Lindsey) came to America with their family of five children in 1839 and settled in Wayne township, Armstrong county, Pa., near Belknap, Mr. Armstrong buying a farm which he cultivated during the remainder of his active life. He died there. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong after their arrival in Wayne township, Margaret Ellen, who died young; the others, the five whom they brought to America, were: James L., Henry H., Sarah, Mary Jane (Mrs. Marshall), and John B.

(IV) William Marshall, son of Robert and Mary (Hindman) Marshall, was born Sept. 24, 1822, near Dayton, in Wayne township, Armstrong county. In 1829 he removed with his parents to Dayton, and in 1850 became a partner with his father and brother Thomas H. Marshall in the store at Dayton and the personal property on the large farm. He was intrusted with the management of the extensive farming interests, his brother looking after the store, and this arrangement continued until 1868, on April 9 of which year the father sold his real estate to the two sons, the business association between these three being subsequently limited to the store interests. Mr. John Campbell was a partner in the mercantile business from 1861 until his death, after which the firm was known as W. & T. H. Marshall until the death of Mr. William Marshall. His son C. R. Marshall then succeeded to his interest, the firm from that time being C. R. & T. H. Marshall. Mr. Marshall continued to increase his land holdings until he had as much as 550 acres in Wayne, 290 acres of this being under cultivation. Like other members of his family he was interested in the Enterprise Lumber Company, the Dayton Soldiers' Orphans' School, and the Dayton Union Academy. He was a Republican in politics and was honored with election to many township offices, and that he had the confidence of those who knew him well is shown in the fact that he was several times chosen as administrator of estates. He was a member and elder of the U. P. Church. Mr. Marshall died Sept. 15, 1891.

On April 19, 1860, William Marshall married Mary Ann Blair, who was born May 7, 1835, near Dayton, Pa., and now makes her home in that borough. She is a member of the U. P. Church. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall: (1) Laura D., born Jan. 29, 1861, became the wife of James Story and died in 1909. She had children: Clarence, Mary, Mildred and William. (2) Calvin Reed, born Nov. 21, 1862, is a merchant at Dayton and vice president of the First National Bank. He married Molly Ellenberger and their children are Ethel, Alice T. and Lillian R. (3) Mary Rebecca, born Jan. 19, 1865, married Jan. 2, 1880, John W. Lias, who is a traveling salesman, and they have had children: William Raymond, Eugene (deceased), Marie, Harold, Kenneth, Dale, Ralph, Gladys and Ronald. (4) Jemima, born April 1, 1867, married John Bott and resides at Apollo, Pa. Their children are: Virginia T., Adriet, Paul, Florence, Charles, Erotha, Bernard, and Jean. (5) a child born Oct. 21, 1867, died in infancy. (6) Caroline, born Dec. 1, 1870, formerly a teacher, was graduated from the Woman's Medical College at Philadelphia and is now engaged in the practice of medicine at Pittsburgh, Pa. (7) Blair P. is mentioned below. (8) Thirzah M., born Jan. 3, 1878, is engaged in teaching school in Pittsburgh.

James Blair, grandfather of Mrs. William Marshall, came to this country from Ireland, first settling in Huntingdon county, Pa., and thence removing to Westmoreland county, where he lived and died. His wife, whose maiden name was Hunter, was born in Scotland.

William Blair, son of James Blair, was reared in Westmoreland county. Coming to Armstrong county, he lived for a time in Wayne township, and eventually returned to his native county, but he spent his last days with his daughter, Mrs. Marshall at Dayton, where he died at the great age of ninety-six years. His wife, Annis (Patterson), was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Lytle) Patterson, the former of whom came from Ireland; the latter was of Derry township, Westmoreland county.

(V) Blair P. Marshall received his education in the local public schools and at Dayton Academy. He began work as his father's assistant upon the home farm, and has been interested in agriculture all his life, in connection following the lumber and stock business. He farms the old homestead of 110 acres, besides which he has another farm in Wayne township of 120 acres, as well as woodland property. He is one of the prominent agriculturists of his section, intelligent and thoroughly progressive in his work, is one of the managers of the Dayton Fair Association, and one of the most respected citizens of his locality. He is interested in the Dayton Normal Institute. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a member of the U. P. Church.

Mr. Marshall was married June 27, 1901, to Gertrude McLaughlin, daughter of Isaac and Ellen (Patton) McLaughlin, and they resided upon the homestead for five years, Mr. Marshall then building the home in Dayton borough which they have since occupied. Their children are: John, Thomas, Clarence, Blair and George.

CHARLES M. McLAUGHLIN, M. D., a physician and surgeon of Freeport, Armstrong county, was born Sept. 28, 1878, in Westmoreland county, Pa., son of Charles S. and Adeline (Stewart) McLaughlin.

Samuel McLaughlin, his grandfather, lived and died in Westmoreland county, where he farmed successfully and also dealt extensively in stock. He moved there before the Pennsylvania railroad was constructed.

Charles S. McLaughlin had a family of three children, all sons, two of whom survive. Charles M. was the second in order of birth. The father died in 1902, after a well-spent life, during which he gained many friends. He adhered to the principles of the Democratic party, and held membership in the Presbyterian Church. By occupation he was a farmer.

Charles M. McLaughlin attended public school until he was fifteen years old, when he entered Slippery Rock State Normal School. He taught school for three winters, and took his higher literary course in the college at Grove City, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in 1901, with the degree of A. M. Having decided upon a medical career, he took a course in Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, and was graduated therefrom with the degree of M. D. The following year he spent as interne at the Pittsburgh hospital, and then, in 1905, located at Freeport, where he began the practice of his profession and has built up a large and lucrative clientele. He belongs to the Armstrong County Medical Society, the Pennsylvnia State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he holds membership in the B. P. O. Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose.

On Jan. 16, 1907, Dr. McLaughlin was married, in Oakmont, Pa., to Mary M. Murray, daughter of J. E. Murray, an old soldier, now living retired. Mrs. McLaughlin was educated in the high school and at Pittsburgh Academy, and prior to her marriage was a teacher in the schools of that city. One child, Charles Samuel, was born to Dr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, April 27, 1908.

JOHN F. ROSS, one of the influential and successful residents of Kittanning, a man well and favorably known all over Armstrong county, whose activities have always been exerted for the general uplift as well as for the purpose of securing personal advancement, has gained a well-merited reputation for probity and uprightness. He was born in 1829, son of Joseph Ross.

Joseph Ross, the father, was likewise a successful business man, for several years associated with the mercantile interests of his locality and also engaged in farming. His death occurred in 1867. His wife, born in Ireland in 1803, died in 1874. They had children as follows: James, Nancy Jane, John F., Mary Ann, Margaret E., Catherine J., Samuel and Phoebe.

John F. Ross secured such educational training as the somewhat primitive schools of his period and locality afforded, and when sixteen years old began farming, thus continuing until he attained his majority. In 1851 he went out to the gold fields of California, returning therefrom in 1853. It was then he engaged in the lumber business, and for a number of years commanded an extensive trade in that line, building a planing mill which he

operated from 1880 to 1888. During the greater part of this period he was also farming, but retired from active business of all kinds in 1888.

In 1857 Mr. Ross was married to Mary Simpson, who died in 1892. On March 29, 1893, he married (second) Susie J. Gutherie, daughter of James Gutherie, of Jefferson county, Pa., and to this union was born one child, John F., who died in infancy. Mr. Ross for many years has been a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, having united with it when thirty-six years old. During the years which have followed he has been one of the strong and reliable pillars of the church, on whom the pastor and flock could always depend as a safe and sympathetic adviser and friend.

The experiences of Mr. Ross in the gold fields were interesting and profitable. He was five days on the Chagres river, and walked across Panama, a distance of twenty-one miles. Arriving at his destination, he formed a partnershp with several others and the little company was successful in gold mining, Mr. Ross with a competency to repay him for his exertions. It required about four tons of provisions a year to supply the seventeen men in the company, and it cost them five thousand dollars a ton. Mr. Ross has traveled extensively, having been in seventeen different states (including Iowa), as well as Mexico and Canada, and made visits to various large cities, such as New York, New Orleans and Philadelphia. Possessing a very retentive memory, his recollections of these places, as well as of Panama in its earlier days, are intensely interesting.

CYRUS J. KEPPLE, of Apollo, a business man of long and honorable standing, was born Nov. 17, 1831, in Westmoreland county, Pa., son of George and Isabella (Hoffman) Kepple.

George Kepple was born in Westmoreland county in 1806, and came of German ancestry on the paternal side, and English on the maternal side. His wife was born in 1809 and passed away in 1863, the mother of eight children. Cyrus J. Kepple was the eldest of this family, and all his brothers became farmers. One brother and one sister are still living. At the time of his death George Kepple owned 100 acres of land, situated between Leechburg and Cochran Mills. The Lutheran Church had in him a consistent member, and he also served it as elder. His death occurred in 1869, and he is remembered as a man of unblemished character, kind and charitable to all, extending a ready sympathy to the unfortunate. Although his educational advantages had been limited, he was a man of considerable ability, and held various township offices, and he advocated the establishment and maintenance of good schools. Until the Civil war he was a Democrat, but thereafter a Republican.

Cyrus J. Kepple attended the common school in his home neighborhood until he was sixteen years old, and then devoted all of his time to assisting his father on the farm. When he was twenty years of age he began learning the cabinetmaker's trade at New Salem, serving three years as an apprentice. He then embarked in the business for himself, opening a shop. When the introduction of Machinery-made furniture interfered with his trade he confined himself to the undertaking branch which he had established, and still continues in that line. In 1870 he moved to Armstrong county, and after being in business by himself for a time entered into partnership with Robert Young, under the firm style of Kepple & Young. They handled furniture and carried on an undertaking business until the association was dissolved in 1880, Mr. Kepple continuing the furniture and undertaking branch, while Mr. Young took charge of the hardware trade which they had built up. Mr. Kepple's establishment is one of the oldest and most reliable in this section, and as a furniture dealer he handles the finest grades of walnut, oak, ash and maple parlor and bedroom sets, sideboards, lounges, etc., as well as the more ordinary qualities. His large store is on Fourth street. As a funeral director he is widely known, people sending for him from all over the county; his knowledge, experience, professional skill and sympathetic understanding of the requirements of his work in that line have made him the friend of many who have called upon him in times of bereavement.

On May 7, 1857, Mr. Kepple was married to Caroline Keck, in Westmoreland county, Pa., daughter of Isaac Keck, a soldier of the Revolution, who served with General Washington at Valley Forge. Mrs. Kepple, who was born March 26, 1832, died April 24, 1900, aged sixty-eight years. Six children were born of this marriage: Sarah Isabelle, born April 21, 1858; George S., born Sept. 13, 1863; Cyrus W., born Jan. 6, 1869; Bessie Eltes, born Sept. 10, 1870, and Isaac Newton and Anna, both deceased. Mr. Kepple is a member and elder of the Lutheran Church, belongs to

Mineral Point Lodge, No. 615, I. O. O. F., and in political faith is a Democrat. Mr. Kepple distinctly remembers the time when boats to Pittsburgh ran on the Kiskiminetas river.

Cyrus W. Kepple was taken into partnership with his father in 1891, the style becoming C. L. Kepple & Son, under which name the business is still conducted. He, too, is a member of the Lutheran Church, and fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Knights of Malta. Politically he is an active Democrat, having been committeeman of his ward in Apollo for some years, and he has served in the borough council. On Aug. 21, 1892, at Pittsburgh, occurred the marriage of Mr. Kepple to Ida Brewer. One child has been born to them, Harold, on May 1, 1898.

The Kepple family is one of the most highly honored in Armstrong county. During the many years Mr. Kepple has been an undertaker he has been called upon to care for over one thousand bodies, and his patrons hold him in the highest esteem not only for the value of his professional services, but because of his tact and consideration. As citizens both father and son are known to be men of high character, who take a deep interest in the welfare of their community and are anxious to promote its further development.

CHARLES E. FORINGER, a general merchant at Kaylor, Armstrong county, Pa., was born at that place Oct. 20, 1871, son of Joseph Foringer and a grandson of Devalt Foringer. The grandfather came to Armstrong county in an early day.

Joseph Foringer, father of Charles E., was born within one mile of Kaylor, and with the exception of a period of three months in Ohio passed his life in or about that town. He was a man of excellent judgment and great force of character, and although he had but thirteen months of regular schooling became a legal adviser for people all over his section of the county. He was the second merchant at Kaylor, a member of the firm of Foringer, Graft & Company, and later sole proprietor of the business. When he moved to New Philadelphia, Ohio, he sold a quarter interest in his store to Jacob W. Meyer and another quarter to W. S. Foringer, and the business was carried on as Foringer & Company until 1887, when he bought back these interests and continued to conduct it alone under his own name until his death. From 1840 to 1867 he also ran a carding machine. Before he succeeded in having the Kaylor post office established, about 1879 or 1880, he had the mail brought to his store and there distributed. Kaylor was served by the Star route from Brady's Bend until 1884, since when it has been on the Star route from East Brady. For a number of years Joseph Foringer was a Republican in politics, but for the last twelve years of his life he was a Prohibitionist. At times he served his township officially. He married Hannah Barnhart, who died Aug. 26, 1906, at the age of seventy-three years, one month, thirteen days. Mr. Foringer died when aged seventy years, two months, twelve days, and both are buried in the dilapidated cemetery in Sugar Creek township. They had eleven children, seven of whom are surviving, one son and two daughters living in Armstrong county. After the death of Joseph Foringer the business was owned by Mrs. Joseph Foringer until 1903, when it was sold to the Allegheny Supply Company.

Charles E. Foringer was educated in the public schools at Kaylor, Pa. Afterward he assisted his father in the store and post office, and from 1892 until 1898, when he was appointed postmaster, he served as assistant postmaster under W. H. Eynon. The Kaylor post office has Star route service, two mails in and two mails out daily, has twenty-seven lock boxes and 261 call boxes. Mr. Foringer has Miss Arminta Rumbaugh as his assistant; the post office is located in a separate building, just across the road from Mr. Foringer's general store. In politics he is a Republican, and he served one year as township auditor by appointment.

In 1908 Mr. Foringer was married to Mary B. Foster, daughter of Christopher Foster, and they have one son, Carl Foster. Mr. Foringer belongs to the Masonic Blue lodge, at Chicora; the Knights of Pythias at Chicora; and the Red Men, the Odd Fellows and Patrons of Husbandry, all at Kaylor, Pa. He and his family attend the Baptist Church.

AMOS M. WILLISON, who is engaged in the general merchandise business at Kellersburg, Pa., was born in Mahoning township, Armstrong county, April 20, 1854, son of William and Priscilla (Buzzard) Willison, both natives of Pennsylvania.

William Willison was among the pioneers of Mahoning township, where he owned 184 acres of land near Climax. He cleared a large portion of it, and his death occurred here in 1871, when he was aged fifty years. He had a large family, as follows: James A.; Amanda, married to G. W. Lobaugh; Amos

M.; Thomas S., deceased; G. W.; Samuel P.; Jane B., married to G. W. McDonald; Matilda, married to W. D. Smith; and Wilbur, deceased.

Amos M. Willison was raised on the home farm and attended the common schools. For twenty years he was engaged in mining, and various other occupations, but in 1907 he embarked in the general merchandising business at Kellersburg (Mahoning post office), Armstrong county, and he has continued in this line ever since. He has a good flourishing business, and is industrious and painstaking in his service to the people, which brings him a steady patronage.

Mr. Willison married in 1875, Margaret M., daughter of George L. and Elizabeth (Truitt) Hetrick, of Madison township, and they have seven children, viz: Olive V., wife of C. E. Furling; Charles F.; Orial L.; Mead A.; Fred S.; Bessie M., wife of Perry Wolfe; and Blanch L. A., wife of Harry Lamberson. Mr. Willison is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kellersburg, of which he is a trustee. Fraternally he is a member of Widnoon Lodge, No. 39, I. O. O. F., and the P. of H. In politics he is a Republican.

RICHARD D. WRAY, senior member of the firm of McClister, Wray & Co., who have been engaged in the grocery business in Kittanning since 1911, is one of the progressive young citizens of that place. He was born May 7, 1884, in Rockville, Armstrong county, Pa., son of Robert and Sara (Neale) Wray.

Robert Wray was a native of Ireland, where he was reared and educated. Coming to America alone when a young man of twenty-one years, he stayed a short time in New York, where he had found employment, but soon came to Armstrong county, Pa., after his marriage settling at Rockville, where he engaged in farming. He had a tract of forty-three acres, where he died when fifty-three years old, and he is buried in the Heilman cemetery. This property was sold after his death. He was married at Manorville, Armstrong county, to Sara Neale, a native of that place, daughter of Michael and Martha (Heilman) Neale, who died before her marriage. She was brought up in Manorville and received all her schooling there. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wray: Robert S., who lives in Kittanning township; James, married and living at Manorville; William, of Pittsburgh; Frank, of Kittanning, employed as a clerk by L. E. Biehl; Richard D.; Charles, deceased; and Ross, deceased. The mother of this family died at Rockville when fifty-nine years old, and is also buried in the Heilman cemetery. She was a member of the Heilman Lutheran Church, while the father was a member of the Manor Presbyterian Church. He was a Republican in political connection and served four years as road supervisor.

Richard D. Wray grew to manhood at Rockville, and there received his education. When a young man he went to West Virginia and later was in Pittsburgh for a time, working as a carpenter. He then came to Kittanning to engage in the store business, in February, 1911, becoming a member of McClister, Wray & Co., who succeeded to the business of S. R. Hews & Co. The trade has more than developed under their energetic management, and the firm is one of the leaders of its line in the town.

On May 7, 1912, Mr. Wray was married in Indiana, Pa., to Josephine McConnell, daughter of John and Fannie McConnell, of Indiana, Pa., and they have one child, Sara Eugenia. The family reside at No. 128 Allegheny avenue, Applewold, Kittanning. Mr Wray holds membership in the Order of Independent Americans and the Presbyterian Church of Kittanning. Politically he is a Republican.

Through his mother, Mrs. Sara (Neale) Wray, Mr. Wray is related to the Heilmans, an old and numerous family of Armstrong county whose earliest progenitor here was Peter Heilman, who settled with his wife and family in Kittanning township in 1795-96, coming from Northampton county. Mr. Wray's line of descent is through Frederick Heilman, son of Peter, who came to Armstrong from Dauphin county, married Margaret Ehinger (Echinger or Eighinger), and had a large family, one of the sons, Peter, becoming a prominent man; he served as county commissioner. Martha, one of the daughters of Frederick, married Michael Neale, and they were the maternal grandparents of Mr. Wray. A full account of the Heilmans will be found elsewhere in this work.

ARCHIE W. McCLISTER, junior member of the firm of McClister, Wray & Co., grocers, who make a specialty of supplying the hotel trade of Kittanning, is a son of Frank McClister and a grandson of John McClister.

The grandfather was a native of Ireland, where he grew up and married Bessie Leech. Coming to America on their honeymoon, in 1854, they landed at New York and came thence to Pittsburgh, Pa., where cholera was

then raging, hundreds of people dying daily. Mrs. McClister was taken ill with typhoid fever and was in the hospital for three months. Then they moved to Washington county, Pa., where one son and three daughters were born to them, Frank, Margaret, Mary and Rebecca. After a five years' residence there they moved to Armstrong county, and three daughters were born to them after their removal hither, Elizabeth, Matilda and Edith. They settled on the Indiana pike, in Kittanning township, where John McClister acquired a tract of 250 acres, which the family cleared and upon which he still resides, now eighty-five years old. His wife, who died at the age of seventy-six years, was buried in the Rupp cemetery. Mr. McClister is a strong Republican, and in religious association is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Of his family, Frank is mentioned below. Margaret died and is buried in the Heilman cemetery. Mary married Marshall Fiscus, who was a merchant at Dayton, and they had two children, Ward and Bessie, the latter dying at the age of six years (she is buried in the Rupp cemetery); Ward is in California (his wife, Mary, died Nov. 7, 1893, and is buried in the Rupp cemetery). Rebecca died when two years old and is buried in the Heilman cemetery. Elizabeth married Park Everhart in September, 1893, and five children were born to them, Gladys, Sarah, James, William and Frances, the last named buried at the Rupp cemetery; this family is now living in Applewold, Armstrong county. Matilda was married in 1899 to Guss Fiscus, a farmer, who lives in Kittanning township; she died in 1905 and is buried in the Rupp cemetery; there were born to them three children, Loyde, Laurette, and a child that died in infancy and is buried in the Rupp cemetery. Edith married Foolmer Adams and lives in Valley township; there were born to them two children, Elizabeth and Mary.

Frank McClister, father of Archie W. McClister, was born in Washington county, Pa. From the time his school days were over he engaged in farming, and after his marriage he settled in Kittanning township, on the tract of 250 acres before mentioned, where he continued to reside for ten years more. Then he left the old homestead and moved to the Peter Heilman farm of 250 acres, the place of his father-in-law, which he now owns, having perhaps one of the finest country homes in Kittanning township. In addition to general farming he does a large dairy business, having twenty-six cows, most of which are thoroughbred Holsteins. In fact, he was one of the first in his neighborhood to introduce thoroughbred cattle. He has also shown himself to be a progressive man in other respects, having been one of the patrons and promoters of the Kittanning Telephone Company, in which he and his son own a large number of shares, and he owned the first automobile in Kittanning township. He has been active in local public affairs, having served twelve years as school director and a number of times as judge of election. Politically he is a Republican, and his religious connection has always been with the Lutheran Church.

Mr. McClister married Eliza Heilman, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Remayle) Heilman, both of whom were reared in Armstrong county. Peter Heilman was born in this county and died in Kittanning township when near the age of sixty years, and was buried in the Heilman cemetery. He was a prominent man in his day and was serving as county commissioner at the time of the erection of the present courthouse. In religion he was a stanch Lutheran. He was twice married, first to Susanna Helfrich, by whom he had three children, one of whom, Albert, died in Andersonville prison while a soldier of the Civil war. To his second marriage, to Elizabeth Remayle, daughter of Anthony Remaley, were born ten children, nine sons and one daughter. A lengthy history of this family appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McClister had three children: Cora died at the age of twenty-one years when just about to graduate in music from the Grove City College, and was buried in the Rupp cemetery in Kittanning township; Edward H. attended the Grove City College two years, and is now a medical student at Philadelphia; Archie W. is mentioned below.

Archie W. McClister was born July 28, 1885, in Kittanning township, and received his early education in the public schools, later attending the Kittanning Academy, class of 1905, and two years at Duff's business college, in Pittsburgh. After helping with the work on the home farm for a time he became an automobile salesman for the Studebaker car, being thus engaged for two years, and then for eight months he was with the Kittanning Auto Traffic Company. Following this he became a member of the firm of McClister, Wray & Co., who succeeded S. R. Hews & Co. McClister, Wray & Co. employ four men and occupy a store 30 by 80 feet in dimensions at Nos. 124-126 McKean street. The business has grown

so amazingly under their management that where S. R. Hews & Co. did a business of twenty-two thousand dollars annually, they do a business of thirty-five thousand dollars. They carry a large line of fancy and staple groceries, making a specialty of supplying the hotel trade of Kittanning. Thoroughly up-to-date in all their methods, they were the first grocers to deliver with auto truck. Mr. McClister also has other interests, being a stockholder in the Kittanning Telephone Company, as before noted, and he was a charter member of the Kittanning Motor & Traffic Company, in which he is still a stockholder. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Malta and the Protected Home Circle, and is a Republican on political questions.

On Aug. 28, 1913, Mr. McClister married Laura Wingard, who was born in Jefferson county, Pa., daughter of Henry Wingard. Mr. and Mrs. McClister are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Kittanning.

JOHN FLENNER, postmaster and merchant, Cowanshannoc, Armstrong county.

BENJAMIN F. BELL has passed practically all of his long and useful life in Pine township, Armstrong county, where he was born May 8, 1837, son of George W. Bell. His grandfather was Scotch-Irish, and his grandmother was an Italian.

George W. Bell, father of Benjamin F. Bell, was born May 4, 1811, in Kittanning, Armstrong county, Pa., and passed his life in Armstrong and Jefferson counties. He had a farm in Pine township, Armstrong county. His wife, Elizabeth (Starr), was born in Pine township, in 1816, and died Jan. 30, 1897, she was a Baptist in religious faith. Mr. Bell died in December, 1886. He had served in the Civil war, having enlisted in the army in 1862, in the 2d Pennsylvania Cavalry; during his service he contracted rheumatism, and was discharged for disability. Mr. and Mrs. Bell had a large family, namely: Ann married John Murphy, Esq., of Knox, Pa.; William, who served during the Civil war in Company B, 78th Pennsylvania Regiment, being in the army for four years, is now living in the Soldiers' home at Dayton, Ohio; Benjamin F., is mentioned below; Jacob was in the 62d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, serving two years, was wounded and discharged for disability, and now lives at Sharpsburg, Pa.; James, deceased, was in the 8th Pennsylvania Reserves during the Civil war, serving three years; Jane, deceased, was the wife of John Brenen; Mary is the wife of Daniel Breck, a lumberman, and lives at Tacoma, Wash.; Samuel is a merchant in Washington county, Pa.; Sarah, Mrs. Shunk, lives at East Hickory, Pa.; Esther, twin of Sarah, is deceased; George W. is deceased; Margaret married John Sharer, a blacksmith of Templeton, Pa.; John is deceased; Priscilla married Joseph Church, of East Hickory, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin F. Bell was obliged to begin hard work when a mere boy, so that his opportunities for obtaining an education were limited. He worked part of the time at home and the rest for others until his marriage, and a few years later, on Aug. 8, 1862, entered the Union service, enlisting in Company K, 155th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was sent to Pittsburgh and on to the South, and took part in the battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg, as well as other engagements. Being taken sick with malarial fever, he was discharged on account of disability Jan. 3, 1863, and returned home; he has never fully recovered from the effects of this illness, which has caused the almost total loss of his hearing.

Since the war Mr. Bell has been variously employed, as pilot on the river, as foreman in the ore mines, and in farming to some extent. He has prospered, and owns several dwellings in the village of Templeton, as well as ten acres in Pine township. He has been an active and public-spirited citizen, giving faithful service in the local offices of trust to which he has been elected, having been constable, overseer of the poor and road supervisor of his township. Mr. Bell is very well preserved for a man of his years, and he ascribes this to his temperate habits, as he does not use tobacco in any form and is a strict teetotaler. On political questions he is a stanch Republican. He formerly held membership in James O'Donnell Post, No. 281, G. A. R., later transferring to John F. Croll Post, Kittanning.

On Dec. 13, 1858, Mr. Bell married Priscilla Wise, and the two children born to this marriage, Mary and James, are both deceased. On Dec. 13, 1893, Mr. Bell married (second) Katherine Nolf, of Putneyville, Pa., daughter of Joseph and Jane (Milliron) Nolf, of Armstrong county, and the only survivor of their children; Mr. Nolf, who was a carpenter by trade, died June 9, 1875, and his widow now lives in Templeton with Mrs. Bell. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bell, namely: James, who married May Yohe and lives in Armstrong county; Helen; Mabel;

Leona; Doratha; Thomas; Edna; Nettie, and Benjamin Franklin, Jr.

SAMUEL J. WALKER, late of Worthington, Armstrong county, was engaged in business as a general merchant and undertaker. He was a veteran of the Civil war. Mr. Walker was born Oct. 31, 1840, near Worthington, son of James and Jane (Bigham) Walker.

James Walker and his wife were both reared in Allegheny county, Pa., where he learned the trade of carpenter. For about fourteen years he worked at that trade at Pittsburgh, later leaving and coming to Worthington, about 1838. He had the contract for the carpenter work on the Buffalo furnace, and for other buildings at Kittanning and adjoining places. His children were: Isaac, who died young; Henry P.; James B.; Minerva J; Robert H.; Amanda A. and Mary A., twins; Samuel J.; and Agnes, who died in infancy. The father of these children died about 1878; the mother passed away about 1874.

Samuel J. Walker attended public school in his district, and worked on the farm owned by his father until August, 1862, when he enlisted in Company K, 155th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. In the spring of 1864 he re-enlisted in the 2d Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. On July 25, 1864, in front of Petersburg, Va., he had the misfortune to have three fingers shot off. In 1865 he was mustered out at the close of the war, after a brave and gallant service. Returning to Armstrong county, he followed farming until 1885, when he embarked in an undertaking business. Several years later he began handling merchandise, and thereafter combined both lines very satisfactorily, until his death.

In October, 1871, Mr. Walker married Sarah J. Welsh, daughter of George Welsh, of Butler county, Pa., and they had children: Frank W., deceased; Charles E.; Emma, who died at the age of two years; John W., who died at the age of one year; and Esther May, wife of E. W. Campbell.

Mr. Walker belonged to the Royal Arcanum. His religious affiliations were with the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder, holding that office for thirty years. For sixty-six years he attended Sunday school, continuing to do so till the close of his life.

JACOB WELLS, a retired farmer, now living at Putneyville, is a native of Armstrong county and has passed all his life within its limits; he has resided in Mahoning township since 1856. He was born July 18, 1836, in Cowanshannock township, son of William and Anna (Lingenfelter) Wells.

Christopher Wells, great-grandfather of Jacob Wells, was a native of England. Coming to Pennsylvania in an early day, he settled first in Fayette county and later in Indiana county, where he cleared and improved a farm at White Oak Flats upon which he lived and died. He had a family of ten children, seven sons and three daughters.

Edward Wells, son of Christopher, was a pioneer settler in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, where he cleared up a farm from the wilderness and lived to the end of his days. He married Mary Rearick, and they had a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters, namely: Levi; William; Jacob; Moses; Aaron; Mary, wife of John Gibson; Nancy, wife of David Warner; Betsey, wife of Josiah Meeley; and Katie, wife of William Peterman.

William Wells, son of Edward was born at White Oak Flats, Indiana Co., Pa., and grew to manhood in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county. He followed farming part of his life, but also engaged in other work, helping to build the old Portage railroad and the Pennsylvania canal. He died at Dayton, this county, at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife, Anna, was a daughter of Abram Lingenfelter, a native of Bedford county, Pa., who settled at an early day in Jefferson county, this State, where he died. Nine children, who grew to maturity, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wells: Jacob; George; Nancy, wife of Jacob Shoemaker; Margaret, wife of Henry Shoemaker; Catherine, wife of David Mack; Elizabeth, wife of Leander Lias; Nathaniel; Moses, and William.

Jacob Wells was brought up in Cowanshannock township and educated in the common schools there. He began life as a farmer, and for several years during his young manhood was employed at farm work and in lumber camps in Venango, Clarion, Jefferson and Armstrong counties, Pa., in 1856 settling in Mahoning township, Armstrong county, where he followed farming for the next forty-eight years. He gave most of his attention to agriculture, in which he met with steady success by dint of industry and intelligent management, and in 1904 retired to enjoy his declining years in the ease which he has well earned. He moved to Putneyville that year. Mr. Wells has always lived so as to deserve the respect of his fellow men, and is regarded as one of the desirable citizens of his section. He is a

member of the German Baptist Church, in which he holds the office of deacon. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Wells was married to Mary Ann Shoemaker, daughter of John and Christiania (Smith) Shoemaker, of Mahoning township, and to them were born two sons, John W. and Adam. Mrs. Wells died in 1886, and Mr. Wells married (second) her sister Susanna, who died in 1901. Subsequently he married Carrie Bresch, who is a daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Gerling) Bresch, natives of Alsace-Lorraine and early settlers in the Province of Ontario, Canada.

G. A. KNIGHT, M. D., physician and surgeon, located at Kaylor, Pa., his field of practice covering a radius of five miles from that point, was born at Salem, Clarion Co., Pa., Oct. 27, 1881, a son of Dr. George A. and Sarah K. (Kribbs) Knight.

George A. Knight, father of Dr. G. A. Knight, was born at Turkey City, Clarion Co., Pa. He secured his medical training at Bellevue Hospital, in the city of New York, and engaged in the practice of his profession at Salem, Pa. In 1895 he retired from practice and later became interested in the oil and gas business. At one time he served as surveyor of Clarion county and also in Brady's Bend township, Armstrong county. In politics he was a Democrat. He belonged to various medical societies. His death occurred at the age of seventy years, and he was buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Salem. He married Sarah K. Kribbs, a native of Salem, daughter of Philip W. Kribbs, and six sons and one daughter were born to this marriage. One of the sons is an attorney at law. Another son, Frank H. H. Knight, has recently completed a term in the Pennsylvania Legislature. He is interested in the coal business at Bethlehem, and also in Knight Brothers' Creamery, at Leatherwood, Clarion Co., Pa. The mother resides at Salem.

George A. Knight attended the public schools in Clarion county and the Clarion Normal School, afterward entering Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he was graduated with the class of 1905. He spent one year in the West Penn Hospital at Pittsburgh, Pa., and on July 17, 1906, established himself at Kaylor, where he has the whole medical field to himself. He was the immediate successor of Dr. M. L. Ross, now of New Castle, Pa., and Dr. C. B. McGogney gave up practice here in February, 1913. Dr. Knight is physician and surgeon for the Great Lakes Coal Company and for another coal company, the Western Allegheny Railroad Company, the Pittsburgh Limestone Company and the Kittanning Brick Company. He has also business interests, being a member of the Kaylor Investment Company, the Pine Run Oil and Gas Company, the Pennsylvania Fuel Supply Company and the Knight Gas Company of Clarion county. Professionally he is identified with county and State medical organizations and belongs also to the American Medical Association.

On May 5, 1909, Dr. Knight was married to Pearl Meybin, daughter of the late John Meybin, formerly of East Brady, Pa. Mrs. Knight graduated from the East Brady high school, and afterward was stenographer and bookkeeper in the First National Bank at East Brady. Dr. and Mrs. Knight have two sons, George A. and William B. The Doctor is a member of the Lutheran Church. In politics he is independent. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks at Kittanning, Pa., the Foresters of America at Philadelphia, and the Red Men and Odd Fellows at Kaylor.

C. C. CRAIG has a general store in Madison township, at Hawkville, on the Lawsonham and Widnoon road, where he has been doing business since 1908. Mr. Craig's parents, George W. (Jr.) and Margaret J. (Paine) Craig, also made their home in Madison township, on the road just mentioned; the father died Aug. 24, 1913.

C. C. Craig was born Sept. 25, 1876, in Madison township, where he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools there. After commencing work he was employed at mining for a while and then learned the carpenter's trade. Some years ago he built his present store, where he has been doing a general mercantile business, dealing in dry goods, notions, hardware and miners' supplies, since Aug. 1, 1908. Besides the commodities mentioned he also handles a good line of patent medicines. He is a trusted official of Madison township, at present serving his second term as auditor, to which he was elected on the Republican ticket. Mr. Craig belongs to the I. O. O. F., the Madison township Grange, and is a member of the M. E. Church at Widnoon.

On July 11, 1898, Mr. Craig married Mary O. Hawk, daughter of James H. and Mollie Hawk, residents of Madison township. Mr. and Mrs. Craig have passed all their married life in that township. Seven children have been born to them, as follows: Matilda, Irene,

Lester James, Hazel Olive, Howard Freeman, Paul Curtis, Stephen Clarence and Charles Cecil.

PHILIP M. ENTERLINE has been engaged as a dealer in monuments at Kittanning since 1894, previous to which time he was located at Dayton, Armstrong county, for a period of eighteen years. He has spent practically all his active life in this business.

Mr. Enterline was born March 17, 1855, in Jefferson county, Pa., son of Daniel and Lucinda (Shives) Enterline. This branch of the Enterline family was established in America by John Enterline, the great-grandfather of Philip M. Enterline. He came to this country from Bavaria in the seventeen hundreds, was a German Lutheran minister, and established a church in Lykens valley, in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, known as the "Gratz Lutheran Congregation."

Daniel Enterline, father of Philip M. Enterline, was born in Mifflin township, Dauphin Co., Pa., and died in 1872, at the age of fifty-nine years. He was an earnest member of the Evangelical Church, and a licensed local preacher of his denomination. In politics he was a Know-nothing, later a Republican, but he took no active part in such matters, and never cared for office.

ROBERT JAY KARNS, for many years a prominent and respected citizen of Perry township, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born at Erie, Pa., in April, 1838, son of Robert and Jane (Perry) Karns.

Robert Karns and his wife were both born near Belfast, Ireland, he in 1814 and she in 1808, and they were married in 1834. In the same year they sailed for the United States, taking passage on the ship "Eagle," in which they spent three long months before landing on the American coast. They settled first near Erie, Pa., where they purchased a farm on which they resided for eight years, and then moved to Allegheny City, this State. Robert Karns bought property there and went into business as a building contractor, continuing thus until 1851, when he exchanged his city real estate for 170 acres of land in Perry township, Armstrong county, part of which his son, Robert Jay Karns, later owned and occupied. On this farm Robert Karns resided until the close of his life, his death occurring Dec. 17, 1893, at the age of seventy-nine years; his wife passed away April 13, 1881, when aged seventy-three years. They were lifelong members of the U. P. Church. They had three sons: Alexander P. (now deceased), David B. and Robert Jay.

Robert Jay Karns was reared at Erie and Allegheny City and enjoyed excellent educational advantages. From the public schools of Allegheny City and Pittsburgh he entered Glade Run Academy, near Dayton, Pa., in which institution he completed the classical course. He then turned his attention to educational work and for forty years was a teacher and during the earlier years studied law. While he never applied to be admitted to the bar, for forty years he did an extensive legal business, for twenty years being a justice of the peace, and enjoys the distinction of having settled up more estates than any other man in Armstrong county.

On May 2, 1861, Mr. Karns was married to Margaret R. Whitehill, a daughter of Austin and Mary Ann (Orr) Whitehill, and a great-granddaughter of Judge Robert Orr. Robert Orr equipped a company at his own expense and served as its captain in the Patriot army during the Revolutionary war. Later he was appointed as the first associate judge of Armstrong county and served in that capacity for thirty-four years. One of his sons, Gen. Robert Orr, served in the war of 1812 and as a member of Congress from the Armstrong district.

Mr. and Mrs. Karns had two sons, both living in Venango county, Va.: John R., who is a telegraph operator with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; and William H., who is chief division operator, low grade division, of the Allegheny Valley railroad and between Kiskiminetas Junction and Olean, N. Y. Mrs. Karns died Jan. 21, 1914, aged seventy years, three months, after being an invalid for some years, and Mr. Karns has broken up his home in Armstrong county. In politics he has always been a Republican, and as a man of education and high personal character he has been elected to almost every office in the gift of Perry township. Formerly both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church of Brady's Bend, in which he served many years as an elder, but later they joined the Presbyterian Church at East Brady. Mr. Karns took a deep interest in Sunday school work and organized the first Sunday school at Hillsville, Armstrong Co., Pa., for twenty years conducting it as superintendent.

WILLIAM KEPPLE, in his day one of the most respected citizens of Parks township, Armstrong county, was born there Dec. 23,

1848, and died Sept. 10, 1895, suddenly, when in his very prime.

The Kepple family has been settled in this country for several generations. Nicholas Kepple, the first of this line to come to America, was born in Germany, whence he came to the United States early in the eighteenth century. He settled in Pennsylvania.

Daniel Kepple, son of Nicholas, was born in Pennsylvania in 1767, and in 1798 came to the homestead in Parks township, Armstrong county, which has ever since been in the family name. He was one of the pioneers in this section. His death occurred in 1824. His wife, Elizabeth (Yearyan), was born in 1770 and died in 1821. They were the parents of twelve children: Susan, Margaret, George, Mary, Elizabeth, Daniel, Francis, Christina, Esther (wife of John Gumbert, of Westmoreland county), Philip, Hannah (wife of George Spicher, of Westmoreland county) and David.

George Yearyan, father of Mrs. Elizabeth (Yearyan) Kepple, was a native of Germany, and came to this country as a "redemptioner," his services being sold to David Kaufman, a farmer, to defray the expenses of his passage. He worked for Mr. Kaufman three years and nine months before his time was up, at the end of that period receiving a horse, saddle, bridle and two suits of clothes. His wife, whose maiden name was Williams, was a Welshwoman who came to this country at an early day with her parents and brothers and sisters.

David Kepple, son of Daniel, was born Feb. 6, 1818, on the old homestead in Parks township where he passed all his life. He built the present residence upon the place in 1861. The land lies along the Kiskiminetas river, opposite Vandergrift. Mr. Kepple served as justice of the peace and school director, and at the time of his death was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He was a highly esteemed citizen of his neighborhood. By hard work and well-directed energy he made his farm one of the best in Parks township, and his success was recognized by all as the result of a life of industry and integrity. His longest absence from the farm was a period of sixteen days when he made a journey out to Iowa to visit his sister Mary. In politics he was a Democrat.

Mr. Kepple was married (first) in January, 1844, to Magdelene Hawk, who was born Nov. 14, 1816, in Westmoreland county, Pa., daughter of Daniel and Mary Hawk, and died May 17, 1855, the mother of five children: Daniel; William; Philip; Mary, wife of S. S. Marshall o,f Beaver Falls, Pa.; and Caroline, wife of D. Newton Sober, formerly of Westmoreland county, now residing in Gilpin township, this county. In 1858 Mr. Kepple married (second) Elizabeth Whitesell, who was born Aug. 12, 1817, daughter of Jonathan and Susan (Vensel) Whitesell, of Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county. No children were born to this marriage. Mr. Kepple died Aug. 20, 1888.

William Kepple, son of David and Magdelene (Hawk) Kepple, began his education in the common schools near home and later attended Leechburg Academy. He became familiar with farm work from boyhood, and continued to follow it all his life, remaining on the old homestead, which eventually came into his possession. His intelligent and progressive methods brought the place to a high state of cultivation. In addition to general farming, he gave considerable attention to the raising of horses and cattle, and dealt in stock to some extent. He increased the area of the property to some three hundred acres, and all in all was well deserving of the high standing he enjoyed among the residents of his locality, where he was regarded as a substantial and honorable citizen. He served his township in the offices of auditor, school director and justice of the peace. He was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church at Apollo, which he had served as trustee and elder, holding the latter office at the time of his death. He was a director of the Apollo Savings Bank. Mr. Kepple had no illness to warn him of the approaching end. He died suddenly about two o'clock on the afternoon of Sept. 10, 1895, while out on his farm, shortly after eating his dinner.

On March 13, 1873, Mr. Kepple married Susan L. Keppel, who was born in 1848, daughter of Jacob Keppel, of Westmoreland county, and continues to reside upon the farm. Seven children were born to them: David James, born April 6, 1874, married Florence Stitt, and died April 3, 1899, at the age of twenty-five years; Jacob Albert, born Aug. 18, 1876, is now engaged in farming the homestead; Philip Frank, born Oct. 16, 1878, is employed at the Vandergrift Sheet Mill; Charles Hawk, born Aug. 23, 1881, died Nov. 30, 1885; William McBryar, born Jan. 25, 1885, is at home; Paul Whitesell, born June 4, 1887, is now a student at State College; Magdalene Virginia, born Nov. 18, 1889, is at home.

Jacob Keppel, father of Mrs. William Kepple, lived and died in Westmoreland county,

Pa. He married Elizabeth Klingensmith, and they became the parents of fourteen children: Margaret, wife of Andrew Sober; John; Joseph; Susan L., widow of William Keppel; Albert; Samuel; Jonas; a daughter that died in infancy; Jane, wife of George Kline; Flora, wife of William F. Hill; Barbara, wife of George Bortz; Elizabeth, wife of Augusta A. Weilman; Minerva, wife of Dr. U. H. Debendarfer; and Theodore.

WILLIAM UMBURN, of Bethel township, Armstrong county, superintendent of the plant of the Philadelphia Gas Company, Station No. 3, at Banks Farm, is a native of Somerset county, Pa., where the Umburns settled many years ago. His grandfather, Henry L. Umburn, was a farmer in that county. He was of German descent, and his wife, Rebecca (Burkey), was born in Scotland, of Scotch ancestry; she came to the United States with her parents when a child, and attained the age of ninety-three years.

Lewis Umburn, son of Henry L. and Rebecca (Burkey) Umburn, was a native of Somerset county, but eventually settled in Indiana county, Pa., where he followed farming. He married Susan Ripple, who was also born in Somerset county, and both lived to old age, Mr. Umburn dying when about seventy-eight years old, and his wife when about seventy-three. They were members of the Lutheran Church at Indiana, Pa. Their family consisted of nine children, six sons and three daughters, namely: Henry L. was killed while serving in the Civil war as a soldier from Pennsylvania; Josiah married Susan Crum, of Long Island, N. Y.; Hiram R. was twice married, first to Della Gibson, subsequently to Anna Earhart; Elizabeth married William Crayton; Lovina is unmarried; William is mentioned below; Urias died in childhood; Elmer McClelland died in childhood; Emma J. married Charles McGee.

William Umburn was born May 30, 1856, near Davidsville, Somerset county, where he attended a German school until eight years old. His parents then moving to Indiana county he obtained the rest of his schooling there. When a boy of fourteen he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade, and by the time he had reached the age of seventeen was a journeyman. In 1875 he went into the oil country, and found employment running an engine, being thus engaged until 1904 in Butler, Washington and McKean counties. He has since been in the employ of the Philadelphia Gas Company, for whom he first worked at Zollarsville, Washington Co., Pa., building a station there. In April, 1905, he was promoted to his present position, being superintendent of Station No. 3, at Banks Farm (post office Kelly Station), in Bethel township, in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

On June 21, 1878, Mr. Umburn was married to Margaret Ann Swauger, of Indiana county, daughter of William and Ann (Landis) Swauger, and four children have been born to them: William Lewis, born June 14, 1879, is an electrician, and is now located at Clarksburg, W. Va.; Frank, born April 16, 1881, is a carpenter, at Los Angeles, Cal.; Fred Alfred, born April 10, 1886, died June 12, 1908, at the age of twenty-two years; Margaret Hazel was married Sept. 15, 1909, to H. W. Hancock, a steel mill worker at Brackenridge, Pa., and has one child, Edwin Martin, born Oct. 18, 1910. Mrs. Umburn and her daughter are members of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Umburn is a Lutheran in religious connection. He joined the I. O. O. F. at Amos, W. Va., becoming a member of Lodge No. 110, and was made a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Gilmore, McKean Co., Pa. In politics he is a Republican.

JAMES HARVEY CRAIG, at present engaged as a real estate and lumber dealer at New Bethlehem, Pa., has been located there since 1875 and associated with the business interests of the borough throughout the period of his residence there. He was born at Sligo, Clarion Co., Pa., Oct. 20, 1841, son of Washington and Nancy (Thompson) Craig and grandson of William Craig.

William Craig was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and coming to this country shortly after the close of the Revolutionary war settled first in Erie county, Pa., and later at Sligo, Clarion county. He died there, and is buried in the cemetery at Rimersburg. He married a Miss Thompson, and their children were: James, Alexander, David, Rufus and Washington.

Washington Craig, son of William, was born in Erie county, Pa., and lived at Sligo for many years, owning what is known as the "Big Lick farm." He cleared and improved part of that property, upon which the Sligo Furnaces were located. By trade he was a millwright, and after selling his farm at Sligo, in the latter forties, he moved to Greenville, Clarion county, where he purchased a tract of timber and a saw and grist mill. He tore down the mill and rebuilt it, and operated it

for many years; it is still carried on by his eldest son, William T. Craig. Mr. Craig died at the age of eighty-one years. He married Nancy Thompson, a native of Indiana county, Pa., and they reared a family of eleven children: William T.; John F.; Calvin A., colonel of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, who was fatally injured at Deep Bottom, Va., dying Aug. 16, 1864; Washington, Jr.; Mary M., who married James Todd; James Harvey; Albert C.; Reed M.; Nancy J.; Robert R., and Quincy A.

James Harvey Craig was reared in his native county and obtained his education in the common schools. He learned flourmilling at Greenville, and was employed at that business until he enlisted for service in the Civil war, in August, 1861, as drummer. He was mustered in Oct. 24th, as a member of Company C, 105th P. V. I., which was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and participated in all the engagements of his regiment. He veteranized Dec. 20, 1863, in the same company and regiment, was promoted to principal musician Aug. 28, 1864, and was honorably discharged at "Camp on Field" in the rear of the breastworks, near Petersburg, Va., Sept. 24, 1864. Upon his return home again he engaged in the milling business, at Callensburg, Clarion county, owning a half interest with his father in the Callensburg Flouring Mills. Later he became sole proprietor of those mills which he operated until his removal to this section in 1875. He has since lived at New Bethlehem. The year of his arrival there he and others of his family purchased land at South Bethlehem and erected a new gristmill, operating the same until 1893. Mr. Craig then sold a half interest to C. C. Gumbert, and a few years later disposed of the remainder of his interest in the mill; it was he who built the race at South Bethlehem to run this establishment. Meantime Mr. Craig had also become interested in the lumber business, conducting the yard which he still owns, and for several years he was proprietor of a successful general store at New Bethlehem. In addition to his lumber trade he now has extensive real estate interests, owning valuable building sites in South Bethlehem. He has been recognized as a wide-awake business man from the time he settled at New Bethlehem, and has always been foremost in promoting interests that promised to benefit the town and advance its standing and prosperity. He has been associated with the Republican party but not active in politics, is a member of New Bethlehem Lodge No. 522, F. & A. M., and in religious connection is a Presbyterian.

Mr. Craig was married to Elizabeth Patton Parsons, daughter of David and Maria (Wilkins) Parsons, of Limestone township, Clarion Co., Pa., and they have four children: Maggie T., wife of J. C. Miller; Parepa, wife of Dr. R. L. Spencer; Lula Maud, wife of Robert A. Hoysett (they have one son, Robert F.); and Amy M.

C. C. A. BANES, M. D., physician, of Ford City, Armstrong county, was born May 2, 1884, in Philadelphia, Pa., son of George H. and Laura (Aplin) Banes.

Dr. John T. Aplin, the maternal grandfather of Dr. Banes, was one of the noted physicians of Guernsey county, Ohio, where he was in active practice for more than forty years.

Dr. Banes received his early education in the public and high schools of Philadelphia, and the Normal Training School, subsequently entering Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1909. He was then engaged as assistant on the medical staffs of the Roosevelt and General hospitals for about a year and a half. On May 9, 1911, Dr. Banes settled at Ford City, where he has already built up a good practice. He served two terms of three years each in the Pennsylvania National Guard, being first sergeant at the time he received his honorable discharge.

On Aug. 28, 1910, Dr. Banes was married to Jane Ketchum, daughter of George Ketchum, of Orange county, N. Y. Mrs. Banes is highly educated, well qualified to share her husband's practice, as she was graduated in the class of 1909 from the Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia, and had an eighteen months' experience in a hospital at Philadelphia.

Dr. Banes is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He belongs to the Armstrong County Medical Society, and is interested in everything pertaining to his profession.

HERMAN A. KING, senior member of the firm of H. A. King & Son, which has establishments at Brick Church and at Cochran Mills, Armstrong county, is one of the leading country merchants of this section of Pennsylvania. He has been in business at Brick Church for the last forty years and throughout that time has maintained high standing among the most progressive business

men of his county; he has been postmaster at that point for twenty-three years.

Mr. King was born April 7, 1852, in Burrell township, this county, where his whole life has been spent. He belongs to a family of German descent founded in this country by Mathias King, who was the first of the family to come to America. He crossed the Atlantic in the ship "Janet," arriving in 1751, and settled in Northampton county, Pa., at what is now Nazareth. He obtained a land patent from the Penns, for land in Northampton county. He served during the Revolution as corporal in the American army. He married a Miss Hartzell or Hertzell, and had among other children George Adam King. They all came to Westmoreland county and settled near Greensburg, in what was called Harrold's German settlement in Hemphill township.

George Adam King, son of Mathias, born Feb. 11, 1765, at Nazareth (or Hecktown), in Northampton county, was the great-grandfather of Herman A. King. About 1791 he came west of the Alleghenies, locating first in Westmoreland county, and thence prior to 1800 coming to Armstrong county, where he was a pioneer. His first marriage was to Maria Catherine George, who was born Oct. 25, 1768 (certificate of baptism shows John Nicholas and his wife, Maria Catherina, as sponsors), daughter of Conrad and Susanna George, and they had children as follows: Abraham; Isaac; Thomas; John Jacob; John, born March 27, 1790; Christiana, born in 1792, who died Aug. 21, 1794; Henry; Solomon, born in 1798, and Susanna.

John King, son of George Adam and Maria Catherine (George) King, was born March 27, 1790, at Nazareth, Northampton Co., Pa. (certificate of his birth is in the possession of his grandson, Judge J. W. King, of Kittanning), being a young child when the family came to western Pennsylvania. He was a highly intelligent man, and had more than the average education for his times; some of his books are now owned by his grandson, James W. King, of Kittanning. He learned the cooper's trade, and followed farming. He married Susanna Heilman, who was born Aug. 8, 1788, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Harter) Heilman, and baptized July 20, 1789, sponsors Theodore Wagner and his wife Christiana (certified by Rev. Michael J. Steck, Lutheran minister at Harrold's Church, near Greensburg). Mr. King died in 1848. Eleven children were born to him and his wife Susanna, namely: Mary, who married John Heffelfinger; George; Gideon, who married Mary Wolf; John; Selim; Esther; Susanna, who married Michael Schall and Ephraim Rupert; Lydia; Eve; Helen, who married George Slease; and Flora, who married John Stivinson.

John King, son of John King, was born May 5, 1816, in Kittanning township, Armstrong county, and passed all his life in that county. He engaged in farming and stock raising, raising quite a number of horses. In religion he was a Lutheran, being a member and deacon of St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church (at Brick Church). In politics he was a Republican. He married Christina Wolf, who was born in Bethel township, Armstrong county, June 28, 1820, daughter of George and Susanna (Williams) Wolf, farming people, and they had a family of eleven children, four of whom are living: Herman A. is mentioned below; Samuel A., a farmer, married Louisa Woodward, daughter of Samuel, and has children, Eugene and Olive; Jesse H., M. D., born Nov. 30, 1861, at Cochran Mills, is married to Olive Crawshaw, and lives at Worthington, Armstrong county; Christina, widow of O. J. Woodward, had two children, Harry B., who died aged eighteen years, and Anna C., now Mrs. Brooks, of Pittsburgh. The mother died April 21, 1893. She was also a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Brick Church. The father died Sept. 5, 1896.

Herman A. King grew to manhood in Burrell township, and attended the common schools and the Freeport (Pa.) Academy. He began his mercantile career when a young man of twenty, starting in business on his own account at Brick Church in 1872. He has carried on his general store there without interruption since, and has also established another general store at Cochran Mills, in the same township, where he has, besides, a fine flouring mill. His son, Owen J., is now in partnership with him, under the firm name of H. A. King & Son, and they do an extensive business, their patrons at both places coming from a wide radius. There are few general merchants in the county who have an equally large custom, and Mr. King has built up this business by the most honorable methods and upright treatment of his customers, who appreciate the advantages his well stocked store offers and the excellent service accorded to all. His obliging disposition and sincere efforts to please have met with substantial reward. On Aug. 4, 1890, he was appointed postmaster at Brick Church, and has continued to fill that office down to the present time.

On Aug. 27, 1874, Mr. King was married to Anna C. Woodward, who was born July 5, 1856, in Burrell township, Armstrong county, daughter of Samuel and Leah (Shall) Woodward, and granddaughter of Benjamin and Anna Woodward, of Cumberland county, Pa. They have had three children: Owen J., now in partnership with his father, and located at Cochran Mills, married Louisa Cook and has had three children, one son and two daughters, James A., Herma A., and Marian Louise, the last named dying April 23, 1914; Pearl is the wife of Dr. Charles H. Wilson, of Pittsburgh, and has two children, Donald A. and Loyal K.; Edna Mabel, born Dec. 1, 1891, was graduated from the music department of Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., in June, 1912, and completed post-graduate work in the same college in June, 1913, and is now in Pittsburgh, where she sings contralto in the Crafton M. E. Church.

In religious matters Mr. King and his family are identified with the Lutheran denomination, belonging to St. Michael's, at Brick Church, in which he has been very active, having filled all the church offices. Politically he is a Republican, and he was overseer of the poor one term. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum lodge at Worthington.

Through his grandmother, Susanna (Heilman) King, Mr. King is descended from an old family of German origin, the name dating from 1305, when a German Palatine, "Veit the Heilman," was knighted by the Emperor Albright and given a nobility diploma, his decendants calling themselves Heilman. The name is found in the German Genealogical Register from that time down to the sixteenth century. The name is variously spelled, Heilman, Heylman, Hileman and Hyleman in old records.

Christian Heilman came to this country in 1752 and settled in Northampton county, Pa. His wife died during the voyage across the Atlantic. He married again in Northampton county; his son Peter had a brother or half-brother named Michael, who remained in Northampton county when Peter moved to Armstrong county.

Peter Heilman, son of Christian, the emigrant, is said to have been born in 1750 in Alsace-Lorraine, and to have been about two years old when he came to America with his father. He was given only three weeks' schooling. He was married (in Northampton county supposedly) to Elizabeth Harter, and in 1795-96 they came to what is now Kittanning township, Armstrong county, and settled on Garrett's run. Here he became a prominent citizen. He was a zealous Lutheran, and his wife also belonged to that church. She died before him, passing away (according to the Kittanning *Gazette*) "Jan. 21, 1831. . . in the seventy-ninth year of her age." His death occurred Jan. 27, 1833, at the age of eighty-two years. They are buried in the old Heilman cemetery in Kittanning township.

Twelve children were born to Peter and Elizabeth (Harter) Heilman: (1) Gertrude married Jacob Piser or Poiser (name also written Pieser, Beaser and Peaser). They had sons Adam (married) and Jacob (who married a Miss Meals). Jacob Piser's grandson, Jacob, Jr., lived near Slippery Rock, Pa. (2) Christina married Joseph Piser, brother of Jacob. Their daughter married John Ried or Reed and had William and Margaret (Mrs. Hershey). (3) Mary married Frederick Tarr (ancestor of Dr. Tarr, of Kittanning) and had children, Catherine (Mrs. William Orr), Rebecca (Mrs. William Gibson), William (married a Richison or Richardson), Sarah (married James Larkin and George Rimby), Elizabeth (Mrs. Michael Davis), Susy (Mrs. George Rummel), Caspar, Joseph (married Mary Croyl), Lobin (married a Miss Mainer) and George. The father, Mr. Tarr, died Aug. 17, 1825. (4) Susanna married John King (grandfather of the present Judge James W. King), and had eleven children. (5) John married Elizabeth Yount, and their children were John (married Eliza Briny), David (married Jane Elliot), William (married Miss Rufner), Sarah (married by Rev. G. A. Reichert May 7, 1829, to Israel Schall), Rebecca (married by Rev. Mr. Reichert June 20, 1832, to Daniel Schall), Lydia (married George Cook), Hannah (married John Blose) and Mary Ann (married John Long). (6) Daniel married Lydia Yount (sister of John's wife) and had Solomon (married Elizabeth Schreckengost), Daniel (married Susanna Hankey), George (married), Harry (married Margaret Orr), Isaac (married Hannah Briny), Samuel (married Martha Rupert), Simon (married Susan Smith), Eve (married George Scheaffer) and Lydia (Mrs. Iman). There were also two who died young, Susie and Elizabeth. (7) Solomon married Hannah Yount (Youndt, or Yunt), and their children were Jacob (married Catherine Iseman), Joseph (married Mary Iseman), William (married Margaret Iseman), Alexander (married Elizabeth Iseman), Adam (married a Miss Goldstrom), Rachel (married by Rev. G. A. Reichert Jan. 27, 1831, to

Michael Chryster), Mary (married Jonathan Farster), Ann (married Joseph Richard), Sarah (married George Schrum) and Susan (married John Schrum, brother of George). (8) Frederick married Margaret Ehinger (Echinger), daughter of Peter (whose wife was English—her maiden name was Cogley), and had children: Peter (married Susanna Helfrich, daughter of Anthony Helfrich, whose wife was named Schutt or Shutt, and second Elizabeth Remayle, daughter of Anthony "Remaley," of Kiskiminetas township), Stephen (married Nancy Graham), Reuben (married Mary Everhart, daughter of Henry and Susanna [Keck] Everhart), Martha (Mrs. Michael Neale), Ann (Mrs. Remayle or Remaley), Sarah (Mrs. Cyrus Everhart), and four who died young, Rebecca, Eliza, Rebecca and Priscilla J. According to one account, Frederick Heilman was born and reared in Dauphin county and when twenty-one years old came to Kittanning township, where he farmed until his death, which occurred there when he was fifty-six years old. His eldest son, Peter, served as county commissioner. He was twice married. (9) Robert, twin of Frederick, died in boyhood, of smallpox. (10) Margaret married John Stitt. (11) Eliazbeth was injured by a fall when nine months old, never walked, and though not a mute her speech was unintelligible to any but members of the family. (12) Jacob, the youngest, married Susanna Waltinbough. It is said he also had an attack of smallpox. He died Dec. 27, 1876 (tombstone says 1877), in his eighty-sixth year, and his wife died April 27, 1878, in her eighty-sixth year. They had three sons, John Adam, John and James. Jacob Heilman was a distiller, and it was he who made the celebrated Heilman whiskey.

WOLFF. With but few exceptions the numerous families of Wolffs in Pennsylvania are believed to be descendants of two brothers of that name who fled from the Alsace-Lorraine valley during the persecution of the Huguenots, toward the close of the seventeenth century, probably about the year 1690. The older of the two, named George, made his home on the Lehigh, in the northern part of Berks (now Northampton) county, Pa., while the younger, then unmarried, settled in Virginia on the upper Shenandoah, whence some of his descendants have emigrated back into our Cumberland valley.

The Wolffs claiming George Wolff as their ancestor are quite numerous in several counties of the State, and in nearly every county some of them may be found; and one of them, George Wolf of Northampton county, served two elective terms as governor of the Commonwealth, from Dec. 15, 1829, to Dec. 15, 1835. He also was the representative of his district in Congress five years, and comptroller of the United States Treasury under appointment by Gen. Andrew Jackson. This George Wolf was born Aug. 12, 1777. His most illustrious service as chief executive was introducing and bringing into operation the system of public instruction now known as the public school system of the State. Sypher's History of Pennsylvania (1870) says of him: "This noble man died in 1840 (March 11), beloved by the whole people of the Commonwealth. The school children of his native county raised a fund to erect a monument to his memory in commemoration of his distinguished services." His father was a brother of Jacob Wolff, the first settler of his name now known to have taken up his residence in this part of the State.

Jacob Wolff was a grandson of the Alsatian emigrant, and settled in Westmoreland county, soon after the close of the Revolutionary war, on land awarded him by the State for services in that conflict. His wife, who accompanied him, was Christena King, a relative of the ancestors of many of the King families now residing in Armstrong county (see sketch of Hon. James Wesley King). After three, perhaps four, of the older sons had gone further northward and made homes for themselves in northern Westmoreland, Jacob Wolff with his younger children came into the Allegheny valley and lived in what is now Washington township, Armstrong county, where he died in the year 1838, his grave being in the Armstrong cemetery, near the farm on which his last years were spent. His widow survived some few years, perhaps several, but that she outlived him is evidenced by the fact that she made application for and probably received a widow's pension. With only a few exceptions Jacob Wolff is the forefather of the numerous families of Wolffs now resident in western Pennsylvania, as well as of a large number in the middle West and Western States, notably Rev. Samuel H. Wolff of the Presbytery of Sedalia, Mo.; Robert A. Wolff, of Topeka, Kans., and D. King Wolff, of Denver, Colorado.

Of the personal history of Jacob Wolff that which can be traced back to authentic sources

is of necessity quite meager, the court record of his will and the settlement of his estate, with a copy of his military record in part, furnished by the War department, being the only written history found available in the preparation of this sketch. All other material facts offered depend for their authenticity on well remembered and credible communications made by himself to children, grandchildren and others having intimate acquaintance with him in his last years. Samuel Mateer, Esq., late of Boggs township, was in his boyhood and until he reached the age of twenty a near neighbor of the old gentleman, and found great pleasure in telling of his friendly relations with him and in relating incidents of pioneer and camp life narrated to him by the old Revolutioner, of which he had a very clear recollection. Only such information is now procurable, and this, before being offered as worthy of credence, has all been carefully looked over with reference to its reliability.

Jacob Wolff was born April 4, 1756, in Northampton (formerly Berks) county. Of his father nothing is reliably known except that he was an active partisan in the Revolutionary struggle, and energetic in collecting and conveying to the American camp at Morristown, Valley Forge and other places accessible to him and his team supplies for the use of the army. Jacob Wolff first enlisted at Easton in March, 1776, for six months' service, and served under Captain Santee; but where this service was rendered is not known. It seems certain, however, that he was with the army at different times, returning to the farm in the intervals to aid in bringing in the crops, a custom known to have been followed quite generally by the citizen soldiery of the Colonies. It is also known that he was with the army at Trenton in December, 1776, and the campaign that followed; also that he was with his regiment at Brandywine and Germantown in September and October, 1777, as he frequently gave personal reminiscences of these engagements. Of the memorable winter quarters at Valley Forge he had a fund of experiences to relate to attentive listeners, among others the capture of a train of supplies designed for the enemy at Philadelphia, including cattle and horses, with the British guard; and this without firing a shot. Jacob Wolff is known to have been an accomplished violinist, and his performances were highly valued and often invoked as indispensable in the social functions of the pioneer community, his reputation extending over a wide area of country and reaching well down toward the eventide of life. But to him perhaps his most interesting performance, and the one he found most pleasure in narrating, was given while in the service and during the winter at Valley Forge. He kept his violin with him in camp, and it may be reasonably supposed that its enlivening notes, on many occasions, served a grateful purpose by in some measure relieving the monotony and many depressing environments of those dark days and dismal nights. On many occasions, when a period of relaxation was allowed at the Commander's tent, he and his violin were brought into requisition to add inspiration to the gathering. The incident which lingered in the old man's mind, always bringing pleasure with the retelling, was of the occasion when Madam Washington with other ladies visited the camp at Valley Forge; and the General, having arranged for a soiree at headquarters, at which members of his staff and others were in attendance, orders came to Private Wolff to report at the General's tent, in full dress, with violin; and by request of the lady herself he played while Madam Washington and others danced the conventional minuet.

There are reasons to suppose that Jacob Wolff returned from the service unharmed and with unimpaired health. Occurrences are yet remembered which argue strongly that he was not wanting in either the physical resources or necessary courage to put up a vigorous display of the manly art of self defense, even into his declining years. The record, however, shows that in 1833 he was granted an invalid pension, then allowed to survivors of the Revolutionary war for service, and without reference to physical condition. At the time of his death he was survived by his wife, one daughter, Christena, intermarried with Jacob Williams, and seven sons; one son, Michael, and one daughter, Elizabeth, having previously died. The eldest son, George, married Susanna Williams. Their children were: Jacob, married to Fannie Van Dyke; Polly, wife of Gideon King; Christena, wife of John King; Lydia, first wife of Hamilton Kelly; Susanna, wife of Capt. Andrew Jack; Margaret, wife of George Karns; Evaline, second wife of Hamilton Kelly, and George, Jr., married to Margaret Cumpstey. Margaret Williard was the second wife of George Wolff, and their children were: H. Townsend Wolff, married to Henrietta Weaver; Harriet, wife of Jonathan Painter; Dianna, wife of Socrates Dickey, and Rachel, wife of Prof. Samuel Murphey. The children of Jacob Wolf (as he spells the name) are:

William Lee, married to Mary Montgomery; Chambers W., married to Emma Lookabough; Susanna, who died unmarried; Hiram G., married to Harriet Montgomery; Frances, and Prof. J. Oscar Wolfe, at home. Dr. Herman King and George King are surviving children of Christena King; George King and Margaret McGraw, of Polly King; the children of Margaret Karns were John, Linus, Susanna, Perthenia and Rosie (now Mrs. Horn). The children of Lydia Kelly were: George, who married Mary J. McCaslin; James L., married to Lanie Faulk; Robert M., married to Flodie McComb; Hiram G., married to Lizzie Christy; Thompson C., married to Susanna Beatty; Emiline, wife of Maurice Sylvis, and Susanna, wife of John Brown. The children of Mrs. Evaline Kelly are: Irene, wife of John Ferguson, and Bird, wife of Wylie McCutcheon. Mrs. Rachel Murphey's children include Charles P., Dick, Alice and Minerva Murphey. The children of H. Townsend Wolff are Lemuel, Roy, Harry, Etta (wife of John Evans), Lottie (wife of Frank Callen), Florence (Mrs. McNamara), Bessie (wife of Charles Glover) and Edna (wife of Paul Libarakis).

Jacob Wolff, Jr., fourth son of Jacob, Sr., born about 1790, was married to Mary Ann Schall, and died in 1840-45. His children were: Isaac, John, George, Samuel B., Jacob, Christena (wife of Isaac Schall), Mary (wife of Hiram Henry), and Lavina (wife of Jacob Warner). (1) Isaac Wolff married Maria Waltenbough for his first wife, their children being William A. (married to Ann Ehinger), Samuel N. (married to Hettie Ehinger), Maria (wife of Alex Shrecongost), and Mary Ann (wife of Michael Schall). Maria Ehinger was the second wife of Isaac Wolff, and their children were W. Hilton (married to Miss Schrom), Linnie (wife of George Piper), Adaline (wife of John George), Jane (wife of John Lytle) and Aurella (wife of William Fennell). Isaac Wolff died in the year 1887. (2) John Wolff married Maria Fitzgerald, and after her death, without children, he married Sarah Shrecongost, who with their children, Eliza (wife of James Schall), Mintie, Emma, John, Harvey and Lee, survived him, his death occurring in 1882. (3) George Wolff, while a young man, emigrated to some Western home, after which but little became known of him to his relatives in this State. (4) Samuel B. Wolff, the "blacksmith of Bethel," commonly known as "Uncle Sam," was born in 1822 and died in 1908. He married Maria Wareham, and their children are: David E., Thompson and Townsend. (5) Jacob Wolff, youngest of the family, married Rosana Hartman, and died in January, 1863, at Murfreesboro, Tenn., of wounds received at Stone River. His children: Robert S. Wolff, of Wickboro, and Ellen Fitzgerald, widow, of the same place.

John Wolff, born in 1793, served in the war of 1812, at Fort Erie, Lundy's Lane, and in other engagements. He was married to Elizabeth Zillafrow, and died in the year 1857. His children are: George lived in the West; Michael married Margaret Early; Matthias married Elizabeth Early; John E. married Delila Lasher; Valentine married Catharine Croyle; Eva became the wife of Frederick John; Diana is the widow of Samuel Dickey; Christena is the wife of Bartholomew Wyant; Margaret is the wife of William Fair.

David Wolff, one of the younger sons of Jacob Wolff, married Miss Zillafrow, and their children included John, Absalom, Andrew, Jacob, Matthias and Sarah.

Joseph Wolff, sixth son of Jacob Wolff, born in the year 1796, died at Oil City, in September, 1888. He married Margaret Fitzgerald, and their children were: Daniel married Eliza Kilgore; D. King married Mary J. Grimm; Chambers O. married Caroline Nulff; George married Harriet Fox; William B. married in Tennessee; John G. married Julia Truby; Samuel T. died in young manhood, unmarried; Elizabeth J. became the wife of Israel Heigley; Sarah became the wife of Robert Bruce; Margaret was the first wife, and Lavina the second wife of Andrew G. Mahaffey. The children of Daniel were: D. Mason, James B., Albert and William. D. King's children were Maggie (wife of Marion Campbell), Lizzie (now Mrs. Best), Alice (Mrs. McMillen), Emma (wife of Samuel Redick), Ada (wife of Tom Naylor), James (died in Pittsburgh in 1913), D. King (married and living in Denver) and A. G. Curtin (married Miss McVey and lives in Pittsburgh).

Solomon Wolff, youngest son of the family, was born in 1798 and died in 1869. His first wife died leaving one daughter, Mary, wife of William McDonald. His second wife, Mary VanDyke, survived him, and had children: Jacob G. married Sarah Dean; Salinda was the wife of James Householder; Rolandus L. married Priscilla Baker; Lemuel S. married Elizabeth Beck; Mahala was the wife of Emery Stitt; Benton L. married Margaret McGraw; Annette became the wife of Israel

Best; Matthias C. married Emma Riggle; James M. married Louie Smail; Susana became the wife of Jeff. Walter; Matilda, wife of Daniel Walter; and John V. married Martha Welsh. Mahala, Salinda, Rolandus L. and Jacob G. are deceased. The survivors of the family now reside in the vicinity of Freeport.

Matthias G. Wolff, third son of Jacob Wolff, Sr., in order of birth, was born May 5, 1785, and died Sept. 3, 1866. His first marriage on April 13, 1813, was to Sarah Weigle, who died in December, 1838. Their children were: Catharine, wife of Samuel Klingensmith; Christena, wife of D. Porter Stuart; Noah C., married to Mary Patterson; Elizabeth, wife of Lewis Arner; Adnum R., married to Rebecca Grimm; Obediah L., married to Rebecca Stier; Sarah N., wife of Robert F. Mahaffey, and Angeline, who married William Pratt and after his death William Graue, and when he died she became the wife of Daniel G. Fry, of Ford City. Matthias G. Wolff's second wife was Maria Keesey, a widow, to whom he was married Dec. 8, 1842. Their children are: Three sons—Lewis J., who married Ellen Mack; Solomon P., married Margaret Dunmire, and Squire Dorr, who married Hettie Rhodes and after her death Anna Kalbfel; and three daughters—Elmira, the wife of Daniel A. Cornman; Nancy J., wife of David Walter, and Anna M., wife of John Beatty, of Center Valley.

Catharine Klingensmith, born April 16, 1814, was married in 1832 and died March 16, 1895. Her children are: Dr. Theodore P. Klingensmith, who married Lizzie Beck, their children being Dr. E. Wallace, Ina, Samuel, Earl and Kittie; Margaret, who married James Dever and after his death Lewis M. Mahaffey; Sarah J., widow of Salem Crum; Isaac, who married and lived in Kansas; Samuel, who died in boyhood; Matthias, Martha and Mary.

Christena Stuart's children are: Mary J. (wife of Wm. Splett, or Splatt), Hamilton (married to Lizzie Troutner), Hiram (married to Margaret Claypool), Oliver P. (married to Harriet Siple), Anna (widow of Robert E. Beatty), Angie (wife of Samuel E. Karns), and Eva (wife of James Rickison). Mrs. Christena Stuart was born May 22, 1816, and died Aug. 28, 1889. She was married in 1842, and her husband, David Porter Stuart, died Aug. 23, 1894.

Elizabeth Arner's children are: Harriet M., wife of Lyman Cook; Emily, who died in Butler, in July, 1908, the wife of Charles Whiteman; Mary A., wife of Edward Chase; Calvin M., who married Mary Eikenberg; Susana, wife of Gilbert Ackerly; Ida, wife of Andrew Small, and Sadie, wife of Thomas Hagerty. Lewis Arner died Nov. 17, 1896. He had served three successive terms as associate judge of Forest county, Pa., during which time no licenses to sell liquors were issued in the county. Elizabeth Arner, born June 21, 1821, was married June 23, 1843, and died at Tionesta Aug. 19, 1889.

Sarah N. Wolff was born Sept. 8, 1831, married in 1853, and died Oct. 11, 1910. Her husband, Robert F. Mahaffey, died Sept. 10, 1893. Their children are: Jennie, wife of James Hood; Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Williams; Charles M., married to Ettie Thomas, and Curtis C., unmarried.

Angeline Wolff was born April 29, 1834. On May 24, 1860, she married William Pratt, who died in June, 1863, leaving two children, James and Mertie (wife of Wellington Fitzpatrick). In 1876 she married William Graue, who died Aug. 29, 1880, leaving two children, Mabel, at home, and Emil, married to Ettie Opel. Angeline Graue's next marriage was to Daniel G. Fry, her present husband.

Adnum R. Wolff, born Nov. 21, 1824, died in October, 1900. His children are: Louisa, wife of Charles Wankey; Bratton C., married to Laura Beissinger; George L., married first to Kate Krahle, and after her death to Sarah Hartman; Matthias T., married to Lydia Klingensmith; Mary E., widow of Loyd W. Law; Sarah E., who married Charles Moss, deceased, (second) Frank Forster, deceased, (third) Samuel McClymond, her present husband; Robert A., married and living in Kansas; and Walter W., married to Anna Frank.

Obediah L. Wolff, born May 27, 1827, was twice married, and died May 1, 1893. His first wife, Rebecca Stier, died Sept. 11, 1859. Their children are: Sarah E., wife of George W. Neale; Margaret E., wife of W. W. Graffus; and Thomas, who married Catharine Hawk. The second wife was Mary A. Findley, to whom he was married Aug. 2, 1860, and she died Aug. 26, 1901. Their children are: Evaline, wife of Manuel Barrett; Ulyssus, married to Sarah Leasure, and Theodore Findley, married first to Maggie Porter, and after her death to Sarah Horn.

Noah Calhoun Wolff, born Sept. 14, 1818, was married, March 9, 1843, to Mary Patterson, of Burgettstown, and died in Kittanning Nov. 7, 1896. Mrs. Mary P. Wolff,

born at Wilmington, Del., May 25, 1818, died in Kittanning, June 6, 1902. Their children are:

Sarah J. Huston is the widow of William R. Huston, who died Feb. 10, 1904, leaving two children, Dr. Arthur Findley Huston, of Allegheny, and Mrs. Rose Botford, of Homestead.

Findley P. Wolff was married to Maggie E. Mateer Nov. 24, 1881, and their children are Samuel M. Wolff (married Oct. 15, 1913, to Marie Hawkes Steel, of Bellevue), Mary P. Wolff, Wesley A. Wolff and Findley Patterson Wolff, Jr. Maggie E. Wolff, wife of Findley P. Wolff, died June 28, 1910.

Dr. Wesley W. Wolff, son of Noah C., was married to Ada Byron Swindell, June 14, 1899, their children being William Edward and Elinor. Ada Byron Wolff died June 14, 1905, and her daughter, Elinor, about one year afterward.

Perry F. Wolff, second son of Noah C. Wolff, was married March 13, 1872, to Cornelia Beissinger and died at Rosston March 5, 1874, being buried at Manor cemetery. Cornelia Wolff married William Montgomery, who died in the year 1889, since which time she, with her daughter Bertha Perry Wolff, resides in Oakmont, Pa. Noah C. and Mary P. Wolff were buried by the grave of their son Perry, who had preceded them in the beautiful Manor cemetery, near the Josiah Copley Memorial Church, where nearly half their lifetime they worshipped. Where loving hands have tenderly placed them, they with Maggie E. Wolff now lie sleeping.

Dorcas C. Wolff, daughter of Noah C. Wolff, resides in Allegheny.

Children of Matthias G. Wolff's second marriage:

Elmira M. Wolff was married Jan. 9, 1862, to Daniel A. Cornman. Her children are Charles, married to Elsie McGuire; Maria L., wife of David Lightner; Emma, wife of James Callen; Bertha Maud, wife of David Held; and Lottie Irene, wife of Wray Audie.

Lewis J. Wolff was married in 1866, his children being: Viola, wife of Miles Lewis; Ona May, wife of Samuel Bish; Essie, widow of Reuben Seiberts; Eno E., who married Mary Sheasley; Perry, of Jumonville, and David E., Pert and Dorr, of Pittsburgh.

Solomon P. Wolff was married in 1868, his children being Laura, wife of Harry Heitsenrader; Olive, wife of Philip Dunmire; Jacob, married to Elinor Darrah; Charles, married to Flora Paul, and Philip, Pearl, Mabel, Lizzie and Glenn.

Squire D. Wolff married Hettie Rhodes in 1877, their only child being a son, Chauncey. In 1898 S. D. Wolff married Anna Kalbfel.

Nancy J. Wolff married David Walter in 1870, their children being: Charles, who married Carrie Crawford; Edith, wife of Harry Forringer; Lillie, wife of John Roberts, and Edna, wife of Fred Hague, Jr.

Anna M. Wolff married John Beatty, their children being Jessie, wife of Ira Miller; Bertha, wife of Howard Kennedy; Ira; Howard; Roy, and Harriet.

The Wolff families may claim to have made a creditable record by the readiness of their young men to respond to the call of the country for defenders in the Civil war. A considerable number of the members of the family as well as of those married into it entered the army, as appears by the following designation of service: Adnum R. Wolff, Battery M, 5th Artillery; Lewis J. and Solomon P. Wolff, Company K, 104th Infantry; William Graue, husband of Angeline Wolff, Company C, 107th Ohio Infantry; Daniel A. Cornman, husband of Elmira M. Wolff, Battery K, and David Walter, husband of Nancy J. Wolff, Battery H, 6th Artillery; Robert E. Beatty, husband of Anna Stuart, Company B, 2d Battalion Infantry; Salem Crum, husband of Sarah J. Klingensmith, Company C, 103d Infantry; William A. Jack and Henry Jack, sons of Susana Wolff, Company A, 8th Reserves; James L. Kelly, son of Lydia Kelly, Captain Company K, 14th Cavalry; Samuel Murphey, husband of Rachel Wolff, sergeant major, 103d Infantry; John Brown, husband of Susana Kelly, Battery M, 5th Artillery; Lyman Cook, husband of Harriet M. Arner, regiment of New York Cavalry; Andrew Small, husband of Ida Arner, Company I, 169th Infantry; Daniel Wolff, Company M, 14th Cavalry; William B. and John G. Wolff, and Jacob Wolff, Company K, 78th Infantry; Andrew G. Mahaffey, husband of Margaret Wolff, Company G, 11th Reserves; Lemuel Wolff, Company B, 169th Infantry; Emery Stitt, husband of Mahala Wolff, Battery L, 6th Artillery; Andrew E. Wolff, Company E, 41st Regiment; John H. Wolff, Company I, 192d Infantry; Andrew M. Wolff, Company K, 155th Infantry; Hiram Henry, husband of Mary A. Wolff, Company B, 9th Infantry. In the war with Spain David E. Wolff, Samuel and Earl Klingensmith, Wray Audie (husband of Lottie Cornman), and Ralph and Arthur Splatt (sons of Mary J. Splatt), are known to have gone into the army and remained while their services were re-

quired. These are simply those whose service is a fact known to the writer of this sketch, while a glance at the company rolls of the 457 regiments, battalions, batteries, troops and independent companies of Pennsylvania volunteers in that conflict, and observing the number of men of the name who served in the Civil war, the sameness of the given names arguing strongly the fact of common ancestry, along with the well-known fact that the Wolffs in Pennsylvania, with few exceptions, are descendants of the Alsatian emigrant, George Wolff, leads irresistibly to the belief that these soldiers were nearly all, if not all, descendants of the aforesaid George Wolff. It is therefore with pardonable pride that we direct attention to the company rolls of the volunteer forces accredited as Pennsylvania's contribution to the defenders of the nation in the Civil war, in which the names of no less than five hundred and seventy men of this one family appear; ninety of them being officers; five line officers of regiments; twenty-three commissioned officers of companies, and sixty-three non-commissioned officers and musicians of companies. Other family names occur quite frequently; the Wilsons, Browns and Smiths perhaps equal or overrun the Wolffs; but none of them could make out a semblance of a line of common ancestry in Pennsylvania, nor indeed in the United States.

It may be taken as an admitted fact that not many of this family have risen to places of eminence, in either military, monetary, scholarly or political achievement. There are no really distinguished men. If the patriarch Jacob were to return to his former range of activity he might with some satisfaction contemplate the plain, sober industry and indefatigable adherence to purpose of his numerous progeny. If he search among the shrouds for those who have climbed high on the ladder of Fame to places of distinction, his expectant old countenance would probably grow dark with a cloud of disappointment. But as he shifts his searchlight and carefully scans the criminal calendar and the array of faces in the old rogues' gallery, his countenance may be seen to brighten again as he observes how very rare are the names and faces of his people in these lists. He would, however, find them represented in all the honorable professions and callings; and perhaps a very few in occupations not so honorable. As to matters of faith he need not be in utter despair; for some of them would be found in all the evangelical churches, and many of them as clergymen in the churches of their choice. As to party affiliations, he would find the same conditions existing; some of the Wolffs must be right, for many of them are to be found in each of the political camps; and, while conservative in opinion, tolerant in judgment and purpose, and cosmopolitan in all things, yet selfish and clannish in nothing. Any member of the fraternity, to have the approval and support of the others, must be competent and preferable, and evidently nearly right. Their predisposition to see the good in others, and readiness to accept it in good faith, is nowhere better attested than in their matrimonial alliances. Nearly all of the Wolffs marry at some time in life—and as far as heard from none ever were divorced; and with singular unanimity, in all these alliances, one of the parties thereto comes from outside the fraternity. Wolffs have been known to "matrimonialize" with Painters, Campbells, Bears, Hares, Stiers, Foxes, Hawks, Wrens, Buzzards and Robins; but no Wolff was ever known to marry another.

Taking the ancestor Jacob as the first, four generations have been presented in the foregoing sketch, with an occasional glimpse at some member of the fifth. Here and there an error may be detected with relation to the younger set, where personal acquaintance did not aid and inquiry of others failed to bring reliable data; and doubtless some statements regarding former generations may be questioned by some; but in the main they will be found, upon careful inquiry, to be correct. In presenting facts concerning which there may be diverging opinions, that which is best authenticated and most probable has been given the preference. Of the second generation after the ancestor, twenty-one persons are now living, of the family of George, two, Dianna Dickey and Rachel Murphey; of Jacob one, Lavina Warner; of Matthias, first family one, Angeline Fry, and second family five, Elmira M. Cornman, Nancy J. Walter, Anna M. Beatty, S. D. and Solomon P. Wolff; of Joseph two, George and John G. Wolff; of John one, Dianna Dickey; and of Solomon seven, Lemuel S., Benton L., Matthias C., James M. and John V. Wolff, and Annetta Best and Susanna Walter. These early families present a remarkable exhibit of race longevity, nearly all having exceeded the Scriptural measure, threescore and ten years, and several having gone many years beyond that limit. A quiet, temperate mode of life and freedom from those per-

plexities and cares which burn up the nerve forces, has no doubt contributed largely to this result. In stature the men of the family are usually above the accepted average of five feet, eight inches, but few falling below that measure, and many of them reaching above the stature of six feet; while many have developed the unusual avoirdupois of two hundred pounds and upward. It is not to be inferred, however, that any claim for superior fitness or merit is implied in mentioning these facts. It is simply intended that as a class they be accorded a recognition among their neighbors such as the neighbors may reasonably claim for themselves; and recognizing always that among the neighbors there are old men, large men, men sober and honest, men scholarly and smart, equal no doubt, with those among themselves; and when all these are brought into the reckoning and the straight edge of those attributes which go to make up right living, good citizenship and helpful neighborliness is applied, they will be content if found to stand near the line.

JAMES McAULEY, late of Boggs township, had lived on his farm there for almost fifty years at the time of his death. He was a native of Ireland, born July 28, 1828, in County Antrim, Province of Ulster, son of Henry and Martha (McIntire) McAuley, Scotch-Irish people who lived and died in Ireland. They left only one child. The father was a weaver of fine linen.

The mother had two brothers, John and James, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, the latter being the only one of the family to come to America. She and her husband settled in Ohio.

James McAuley received his early education in Ireland. His parents having died, he came to America at the age of seventeen, joining some friends in Pittsburgh who had written him of the opportunities to be found in the new land. He worked on farms about what was then the village of Mechanicsburg, now Verona, and studied under Prof. Samuel Jones until he became fitted to take up the profession of school teacher, which he followed for a number of years. On March 29, 1855, he married in Pittsburgh Cornelia Remaley, and on April 5th they went to Ohio, settling on a small farm near Lucasville, where Mr. McAuley had previously taught school. After a residence of a year and a half there they sold out and returned to Pennsylvania, settling Dec. 10, 1857, on the farm in Boggs township, Armstrong county, which was ever afterward his home, and where his widow and three daughters resided for several years after his death. It is situated on the south fork of Pine creek. Mr. McAuley purchased first a tract of 102½ acres, on which a big log house was standing. That, however, was about the only improvement. The land was overgrown with brush, but he set bravely to work, and not only succeeded in placing his original purchase under cultivation, but bought another tract containing sixty-one acres and a fraction. As he prospered he put up new buildings, and the fine condition the place attained under his intelligent management showed him to be a man of resource and energy, as well as progressive ideas. He became a well known citizen of Armstrong county, having served as tax collector for many years from 1869, and was quite prominent in the work of the Democratic party. While he and his wife were living in Ohio he was instrumental in organizing the church there, and after settling in Boggs township was prominently identified with the United Presbyterian Church, being an elder in the Mount Zion Church. He died at his home April 21, 1907.

The following children were born to James and Cornelia (Remaley) McAuley, Martha, Susan, Mary, Margaret, Minerva, Elvira, Isabella, Robert James and Sara Orie. Mary died when but five years of age and Isabella in June, 1913, at the age of forty-four. Susan and Sara Orie remain with their mother. The other members of the family all married, and reside in different parts of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. McAuley appreciated the advantage of an education. In the early years of their married life, after the toils of the day were over, they made their home like a school, and as a result of their teaching all their children enjoyed a liberal education, several of them becoming prominent teachers.

George Remaley, grandfather of Mrs. McAuley, was born on the German side of the Rhine, and her maternal grandfather, Christopher Hoffer, was born on the Switzerland side. The latter came to America, and drove a six-horse team from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, where he located. He owned a 200-acre dairy farm there, part of which is now the site of the Union depot at Pittsburgh.

John Remaley, son of George and Katie (Richards) Remaley and father of Mrs. McAuley, married Mary Hoffer, and they became the parents of six children: John, Susan, Jacob, Catharine, Cornelia (born March 17, 1833, at Springdale, Allegheny Co., Pa., now the widow of James McAuley), and James.

Mrs. McAuley was but two and one-half years old when her mother died, and her father died in the prime of his life, when only forty-four years old. At the death of her mother she went to live with her aunt, Mrs. Susan (Hoffer) Wright, of Pittsburgh, where she resided until her marriage.

CHARLES HENRY FURNEE, M. D., of Kittanning, Armstrong county, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, is a native of that borough, born July 10, 1878, son of Scott Willard and Margaret B. (Williams) Furnee.

Dr. Furnee obtained his preparatory education in the public schools, attending grammar and high school, and took his medical course at the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1896. Following this he acted as instructor in the medical department of the Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tenn., and received another degree from that institution. At the beginning of the Spanish-American war he enlisted, entering the service as hospital steward. He was first connected with the 1st Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, and later transferred to the 3d Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, becoming assistant surgeon, with the rank of first lieutenant. He received his discharge in February, 1900, at Anniston, Ala. Returning soon afterward to Armstrong county, Pa., Dr. Furnee engaged in practice at Mahoning for seven years, meantime, in addition to attending to his private practice, acting as surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He then became chief surgeon for the Wabash Railway Company, holding that position for two years, when he accepted an appointment as medical superintendent of the city hospitals of Pittsburgh at Marshalsea, the Pittsburgh City Asylum, Hospital and Home, the Home and city and general hospitals being under his supervision. He served under the administrations of Hayes and Guthrie, and subsequently assumed charge of the municipal hospital for one year. For the next five years Dr. Furnee was engaged in general practice, being located at No. 5747 Ellsworth avenue, Pittsburgh, and at the end of that period, feeling need of recuperation, after several years of close work and study, he spent a year in hunting and fishing in Texas and the Gulf of Mexico. In 1912 he returned to his native county, settling at Kittanning, where he is now practicing, making a specialty of treating diseases of the ear, nose and throat. Until a year ago he also carried on insurance work, being owner and manager of the general agency of the Philadelphia Insurance Company at Pittsburgh. The Doctor has been highly successful in his work, and his steady advancement has been well deserved, for he has worked hard and conscientiously, devoting himself to the best interests of the profession in whatever capacity he has followed it. He is a member of the Allegheny County Medical Society, of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association.

The Doctor has various social connections, being a Mason, a member of the Sons of Veterans, a member of the Tariff Club and a member of the DuOwama Kennel Club. He was formerly connected with the Americus Club.

On Jan. 2, 1907, Dr. Furnee was married to Fannie C. Downey, who is a daughter of Michael Downey, now retired, of Philadelphia, Pa. He was at the head of vast shipbuilding interests.

JAMES KERR, late of Bethel township, Armstrong county, was a resident of that township for over half a century, living on the farm where three of his children still reside. Mr. Kerr was a native of Scotland, born Jan. 9, 1822. His grandparents were John and Agnes (Dorman) Kerr, of Kirkcolm, Wigtownshire, who died in 1802 and 1812, respectively.

Stair Kerr, father of James Kerr, was born and reared in Scotland, and lived at Kirkcolm, where he was engaged as superintendent of farms and in the manufacture of cheese. In his native land he married Jennet Wither, who was born and reared there also, and they came to the United States in 1838. Settling on a farm at Worthington, Armstrong Co., Pa., they lived and died there, Mr. Kerr passing away in November, 1865, aged ninety-three years, his wife Dec. 31, 18—, at the age of eighty-six. They were Covenanter Presbyterians. Their family consisted of fourteen children, none now living, though they were noted for longevity. The sons, Nevin and William, twins, lived to be over ninety, Nevin dying May 2, 1912, aged ninety-five years, and William Dec. 13, 1911, aged ninety-four. The former married Catherine McClatchey and had a family; the latter never married.

James Kerr passed his early life in Scotland, coming to America in his seventeenth year and settling in Armstrong county, where he became a prosperous farmer and passed the remainder of his life. He died June 23, 1897, at the age of seventy-five

years, a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he was a faithful worker, serving continuously as elder from the time he was first elected to that office, in 1855, until his death.

On Feb. 12, 1851, Mr. Kerr was united in marriage with Margaret Walker, who was born Nov. 7, 1825, in Armstrong county, daughter of Robert A. and Mary (Walker) Walker, cousins. Mrs. James Kerr died May 26, 1891. Seven children were born to this union, of whom Mary and Hugh are deceased, Mary dying at the age of sixteen years, and Hugh when seven weeks old. The five who survive the parents are: Robert W. married Ida H. Hoffman, of Eddyville, and lives in Burrell township (they have nine children, R. Clifton, Reuben A., Grace E., William Gregg, John B., Ruth, Earl, Martha and Mildred); James W. married Maggie Young, of Kellersburg, Armstrong county, and had two sons, Hugh and Dwight, the latter dying when five years old; John S. married Maggie B. Lawther, of Whitesburg, Armstrong county, who died in 1909, the mother of Velma J., Pauline, Blanch E., James L., and Jessie (who died when four years old); Misses Elizabeth and Jennet W. live with their brother John, on the old home farm in Bethel township. All the family are members of the Crooked Creek Presbyterian Church, and Miss Elizabeth is particularly interested in the work of the Sunday school, being superintendent of the "cradle roll."

John S. Kerr and his sisters conduct the farm very successfully, keeping the property up to the high standard it long ago attained under the management of this thrifty family.

FRED C. MOHNEY, poultry raiser and farmer of Rayburn township, Armstrong county, was born in Red Bank township, this county, Aug. 2, 1858, son of Lewis S. and Rebecca (Shick) Mohney. His great-grandfather, Jonathan Mohney, who founded the family in America, was born in Germany, and on coming to this country settled with his wife in Clarion county, Pa. He was a member of the Reformed Church, the family establishing the first Reformed Church in Clarion county, and his descendants adhere to the same faith. In politics the men of this family have all been Democrats.

Adam Mohney, son of Jonathan, was the grandfather of Fred C. Mohney. He owned a large tract of land in Red Bank township, where New Bethlehem, Hawthorn, Fairmount, etc., are now located. His death occurred in 1832. His children were as follows: John, who died in Clarion county in 1910, at the age of ninety-two years; Jonathan; Adam; Fred; Susan, Mrs. Hartsell, and Lewis S.

Lewis S. Mohney, son of Adam, was born in Red Bank township, Clarion county, in 1824, and died at the age of seventy-seven years. He died at the home of his son F. C. Mohney, in Kittanning. He enlisted in the support of the Union cause during the Civil war, but was never called upon to serve. Mr. Mohney married Rebecca Shick, who was born Aug. 20, 1827, in Red Bank township, Armstrong county, and died at the age of sixty-eight years, at Hawthorn, Clarion county. They had the following children: Jacob, who died at Kittanning; Dr. Adam M., who died in Clarion county; William, who died in the West; Fred C.; Dr. Christ, who died in Clarion county; Lizzie, Mrs. Jud. McMillan, of Punxsutawney, Pa., where she died; Charles, who died in Oklahoma; Christina, John and Monroe, all of whom died in infancy.

Fred C. Mohney grew to manhood at Hawthorn, Clarion county, Pa., where his father had a store, moving there in 1865. He learned the trade of carpenter, and for many years was employed at such work in Kittanning, where for nineteen years he was employed by the American Planing Mill Company and the Heilman Lumber Company, becoming foreman in the planing mill. He became quite well known in that borough, serving as member of the city council, and won the confidence of his fellow citizens to such an extent that in 1908 he was elected county auditor, giving highly creditable service in both capacities. He moved from the borough to engage in the poultry business, buying a piece of land in Rayburn township one mile from Kittanning, a valuable property of twenty-four acres to which he has since given the greater part of his time and attention. He built a fine brick house there, and has made many other improvements on the place. He is specially interested in poultry, raising White Leghorn and Rhode Island Red stock. The work requires scientific care and constant application, but it is an excellent field for a progressive and enterprising worker, and Mr. Mohney has done very well in all his undertakings.

In 1882 Mr. Mohney was married to Rebecca R. Emhoff, who was born Jan. 12, 1862, in Jefferson county, and when quite young

moved to Armstrong county with her parents, John and Sarah (Mohney) Emhoff, the family settling on a farm three miles from New Bethlehem. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mohney: Lloyd, born March 7, 1883, is engaged as a druggist at Kittanning; in 1913 he married Jane Ann McIlwain. Olive E., born Jan. 12, 1886, died May 27, 1913; she was the wife of Henry C. Holly, from Pittsburgh, now employed as electrician at Ford City by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company.

JOHN M. WHITE, of Mahoning, a popular official and business man, is one of the best known residents of his section of Armstrong county, his numerous interests bringing him into contact with an unusual number of his fellow citizens. He was born in Pine (now Boggs) township, this county, May 4, 1853, son of David White and grandson of James White.

James White and his wife Ann (Charlton) were the first of this family to come to Armstrong county, where they located in what was then Pine township. They died in Boggs township, she in April, 1865, he in January, 1879.

David White, son of James, was born in 1822, in Pine township. Though his educational advantages were confined to such as the common schools near his home afforded, he became a well educated man, and taught school for several terms. He was a farmer by occupation, and well known and popular in his community, though he never aspired to publicity of any kind. In political sentiment he was a Democrat, and he was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He married Nancy Jane Mateer, a native of East Franklin township, this county, born June 11, 1824, daughter of John Mateer. Mr. and Mrs. White had four children, viz.: James, formerly a teacher, who has been a prominent official in this section, having served in township offices and for two terms as county commissioner (he now lives in Rayburn township); John M.; William M., at one time a teacher and for many years a well-known merchant of Mahoning, who died Jan. 9, 1911, aged fifty-three years; and Margaret, who married Peter Elliott, a mill man, of Steubenville, Ohio.

John M. White obtained a common school education in the home neighborhood. When he reached his majority he began farming in Boggs township on his own account, following that calling for over a quarter of a century with continuous success. Business pursuits have since occupied his attention. In 1901 he located at Mahoning, buying the "Mahoning Hotel," which he has since conducted. Mr. White's geniality and friendliness attract patrons, and his obliging disposition and good management retain custom, so that he has many qualities which insured his success as a host from the very beginning. For the last three years he has been postmaster at Mahoning, and he also served as registrar of births and deaths for Boggs, Pine and Madison townships. In 1887 he served as mercantile appraiser, a county office, and he has held the office of school director continuously for the last eighteen years, also filling other offices. On political questions he has been associated with the Democratic party. Mr. White is a well informed man, fitted for the various responsibilities which have been intrusted to him, as his intelligent attention to their duties proves.

On Feb. 24, 1885, Mr. White married Margaret Hull, of Boggs township, daughter of John W. Hull, of Armstrong county, who is an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and has been a railroad man all his life. Three children have been born to them: Edith is married to Charles Beatty, of Pine township, and has two children, Margaret and John; John D. is timekeeper for J. H. Crebett & Co., on the railroad; Harry is at home. Mrs. White is a Baptist in religious connection. Mr. White belongs to the B. P. O. Elks lodge at Kittanning.

JAMES HILL, retired farmer of South Buffalo township, one of the oldest residents of that part of Armstrong county, was born Oct. 9, 1828, in County Tyrone, Ireland, son of James B. and Margaret (Brown) Hill, of the same place. The parents grew up and married there.

James B. Hill was a cloth weaver by trade. He came to America in 1830, the sailing vessel in which he made the trip having a very rough passage. The sails were blown off and she was nearly wrecked, but with sails made of blankets, sheets and other bed clothing proceeded on her way and Mr. Hill landed in Baltimore, continuing thence to Freeport, Pa. He found work on the Leechburg dam and also on other public works for two years, in the spring of 1832 locating in South Buffalo township, Armstrong county, where he obtained a piece of land which had a small house and clearing but no other improvements. Here he made a permanent home and lived until his death, at the age of eighty-four years.

His wife had died when fifty years old. They were Presbyterian Church members. This pioneer couple had four children: Jane, who died of fever; Margaret, who died in Ireland; James; and William J., who died when eleven years old.

James Hill had little chance to go to school, and obtained most of his education through his own efforts. He always lived with his parents and followed farming, improving the home place greatly during his active years—in fact the principal buildings are of his construction. In 1867 he built the barn, and in 1869 made the brick for the present residence, which was erected in 1871. He served as supervisor and in other local offices, to which he was elected on the Republican ticket, and he is highly respected all over this part of Armstrong county, where he is very well known. He has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for fifty years.

In 1849 Mr. Hill married Maria Hill, of Armstrong county, Pa., who died in July, 1871, the mother of seven children: (1) George Harry, born Sept. 28, 1850, died when two years old. (2) Margaret Jane, born Jan. 31, 1852, married O. E. Smith, of Verona, Pa., and they have five children, Ira, George, Roy, Stella and Hyatt. (3) Hamilton and (4) Nancy, twins, were born Feb. 24, 1854. Hamilton was drowned in Elk river, in Kansas, in 1886. Nancy married Thomas A. Rife, of Allegheny, Pa., and their children are Maria, Mary, Lida and Florence. (5) David F. is mentioned below. (6) Anna Maria, born March 1, 1861, now living in Allegheny, Pa., is the widow of John K. Miller, and has one child, Florence. (7) Thomas G., born May 12, 1864, married Carrie Weaver. He runs the "Central Hotel" at Freeport, Pennsylvania.

David F. Hill, son of James Hill, was born Aug. 25, 1857, and has always lived on the old homestead, engaged in farming. He married Dec. 30, 1891, Maude Iseman, of South Buffalo township, daughter of James and Sarah (McClellan) Iseman, both of Armstrong county. Mr. Iseman was a farmer in South Buffalo township. He died in February, 1901, and his widow is living in Seattle, Wash. They were the parents of nine children, Maude (Mrs. Hill), Charles, Martha, Ida, Florence, Josephine, James (deceased), Grace and Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have six children, namely: Charles, Julia, Ward, Richard, Hugh and Robert.

JACOB SHOUP, retired farmer, living in South Bend township, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born June 6, 1830, in Plum Creek township, this county, son of John and Sarah (Frantz) Shoup. Grandfather Henry Shoup was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. His wife was born in Holland.

John Shoup was born in Maryland, near Harper's Ferry, and in 1824 settled on a farm of 100 acres in Plum Creek township, Armstrong county. In the early days he engaged in teaming across the country between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and also worked in a distillery. He died in 1855, a highly respected man, and a member of the Reformed Church. He married Sarah Frantz, daughter of Jacob Frantz, who lived within two miles of Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa. The mother of Jacob Shoup died in 1878, and of the nine children of the family but two survive, Jacob and J. F., the latter now residing in Oregon.

Jacob Shoup in his boyhood had the usual school advantages of the country boy of that period and remained with his father on the home farm until the latter's death, with the exception of seven years during which he was lumbering in the pine woods along the Susquehanna river. The rest of the time he has followed agricultural pursuits.

On July 18, 1860, Mr. Shoup was married to Eliza Klingensmith, daughter of Jacob Klingensmith, who was one of the well known early settlers of Armstrong county. Of the two children born to this union one survives, Emma, who is now Mrs. Rupert. After the death of his first wife Mr. Shoup was married (second) to Margaret Walter, and they have had the following children: Robert M., born Jan. 1, 1878; Anna A., born Nov. 8, 1879; Marillia S., born Nov. 29, 1881; Harry W., born July 25, 1884; James M., born March 3, 1887. Mr. Shoup is a member of the Reformed Church, and in politics is a Democrat. He is well known in his section of Armstrong county and is held in the highest regard by his neighbors.

REV. ROBERT C. BOWLING, pastor of the Reformed Church of Kittanning, Armstrong county, was born Dec. 4, 1851, near Gettysburg, Pa., son of William and Susan (Fisher) Bowling. He attended public school in his native county, and subsequently taught school at Irwin, Pa., for four years. He then took an academic course of study at the Irwin Academy, after which he taught in that institution four or five years. In 1872 he entered Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., was graduated in 1876, and the same year entered the Lancaster Theological Col-

lege, at Lancaster, from which he was graduated in 1879. He then accepted a call as Supply to the Mission in Allegheny City, Pa., where he was stationed for three months, his next work being as pastor at Emlenton, Pa., where he remained six years. This was a mission when he became pastor, but the work so prospered under his charge that during that time two churches were built from this humble start. He became pastor at Kittanning in 1885 and has been there ever since (now 1912), over twenty-six years. His church when he arrived here consisted of about 160 members, and now numbers over 350 regular communicants. There is also a flourishing Sunday school. Dr. Bowling has been a sincere worker in his efforts to assist young people in their educational ambitions, and many young men have received their academic training preparatory for college under his instructions. In 1908 he was made a member of the Phi Beta Kappa by Franklin and Marshall College. The degree of Doctor of Divinity has been conferred on him by two different colleges.

For twenty years Dr. Bowling served as president of Clarion Collegiate Institute, and for sixteen years as member of the board of officials of St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Greenville, Pa. He has served as president of the board of home missions of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church; was three times delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church. He is a man well informed and thoroughly equipped for his great work, endowed with many talents which he uses in behalf of the church and community, and is much beloved in the church and in the wide circle of his acquaintance.

In 1881 Dr. Bowling married Kate Heeter, of Monroe, Clarion Co., Pa. They have one son, Frederick F. Dr. Bowling is a Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge No. 244, F. & A. M., and Orient Chapter, No. 241, R. A. M., of Kittanning.

ALFRED HARRINGTON, a member of the firm of Harrington & Beecher, contractors for all kinds of gas and oil well supplies, at Apollo, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born June 25, 1869, in Butler county, this State, son of James J. and Mary Elizabeth (Ryan) Harrington.

James J. Harrington was born in County Cork, Ireland, and his wife in County Tipperary, and when they came to America they located at Philadelphia, in 1847. James J. Harrington was an educated and scholarly man a graduate of the University of Dublin, Ireland, and for some years was a member of the faculty of the Polytechnic Institute of Philadelphia. From Philadelphia James J. Harrington moved to El Paso, Texas., where he accepted a college professorship, and his death occurred there in middle age. He was at one time manager of the Philadelphia Oil & Petroleum Company. His widow still survives, being now in her seventy-fifth year. They had nine children.

Alfred Harrington attended the public schools with regularity until he was fifteen years of age and then went to the oil fields in Pennsylvania and worked for some time as a laborer in the oil regions of McKean and Washington counties, and also in West Virginia. Afterward he formed a partnership with a brother, under the firm name of Harrington & Bro., which was dissolved in 1898, and in the same year he entered into business relations with C. N. Beecher, under the style of Harrington & Beecher, which continues. This firm has worked extensively in Crawford county, Ill., and in the McDonald oil field in Washington county, Pa. In 1892 Mr. Harrington moved to Armstrong county, Pa., where similar operations have been carried on, and since 1911 he has been drilling for gas at Apollo, where he maintains his home. He is a valued and public-spirited citizen, and takes pride in his town and section. Politically he is a Republican, and fraternally a Mason. He was reared in the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN H. SCHAEFFER, a resident of Burrell township, Armstrong county, was born there July 9, 1863, son of Michael and Susanna (Hartman) Schaeffer.

Anthony Schaeffer, a native of Germany, settled in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., in 1733, was married in Northampton county, Pa., to Maria Catherine Reeg, and came to Armstrong county among the very early settlers, making his home on the land in what was then Kittanning (now Burrell) township now owned by Elmer E. Schaeffer. The original tract he owned contained over six hundred acres. He died here when a very old man, and is buried in the old Schaeffer graveyard in Bethel township, where the first Lutheran Church, organized in 1806, was established. He was one of its founders and charter members and was a most respected man in his section, where his high Christian character and nobility of disposition won him the loving esteem of all who knew him. To him and his wife were born five children: Eva

Catharine, born Nov. 15, 1766; George P., March 27, 1769; Elizabeth Christina, Feb. 21, 1771; Susanna Margaret, April 13, 1774 (all born in Heidelberg township); and John Philip, Nov. 18 or Dec. 20, 1778.

John Philip Schaeffer, Sr., born Nov. 18 or Dec. 20, 1778, on the old Schaeffer homestead in what is now Burrell township, Armstrong county, died July 9, 1848. His wife, Catherine Elizabeth (Zerfoss); died Nov. 27, 1830. Her father, John Zerfoss, was a soldier in the Revolution, and received a severe saber wound in the face in an encounter with a British colonel whom he shot. The British officer, who was captured, and lost a leg, complimented him on his bravery as both lay in the hospital.

Michael Schaeffer, father of John H. Schaeffer, was born in 1815, and died Dec. 23, 1897. He married Susanna Hartman, a native of Armstrong county, and they became the parents of eight children, six sons and two daughters: Samuel died when a young man; Stephen, who lives in Plum Creek township, this county, has been twice married and had six children by his first wife; Edward, who lives in Kittanning township, this county, married Sarah Borts (sister of Edward Borts), and had seven children; Maria, now living in Poland, Ohio, married David Kirkwood, a farmer, and had ten children; Catherine is deceased; Milton, who lives in Parks township, this county, married Maggie Taylor, and has three children; John H., who is mentioned below; Manuel, who makes his home in Florida, has been married twice and has one child by the first marriage. The mother of this family died in February, 1907, when nearly eighty-three years old.

John H. Schaeffer was brought up in Burrell township and obtained his early education there in the common schools, also attending the Elderton Academy. He learned the blacksmith's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years at Saltsburg, but had followed farming and clay mining, being at present pit boss at the Kittanning clay mine. He is one of the respected residents of his part of the county. On April 16, 1890, he married Eva McNett, who was born June 1, 1870, in Allegheny, Pa., and is of Scotch-Irish extraction. Eight children have been born to this union, namely: Charlotte, who died when three years old; George Michael, born April 17, 1892, now working on the railroad tunnel at Red Bank; Joseph Manuel, born Feb. 14, 1894, who is on the farm; Anna Elizabeth, born Dec. 10, 1895; Florence Bertha, born Jan. 16, 1898; Howard Clark, born Feb. 23, 1904; Leona Rebecca, born March 6, 1909; and Jesse Emmet, born June 2, 1912. The family are Lutherans in religious connection, attending at the St. Michael's, the Brick Church. Mr. Schaeffer is a Republican in his political views, has been judge of election, and is at present road supervisor.

CHARLES H. SHIPMAN, general farmer, residing in Gilpin township, Armstrong Co., Pa., near the Forks Church, was born on this farm July 21, 1856, son of William and Elizabeth (Linhart) Shipman.

William Shipman was born in New Jersey, in which State the Shipman family has long been one of importance. Served in the war of 1812, and was afterward married to a girl by the name of Wray, by which union there were two sons: James, the eldest, served in the Civil war; William went to the West in the fifties and has never been heard from since. By his second marriage, to Elizabeth Linhart, there were eight children: Margaret E. married James Dowling; Jacob, who served in the Civil war, now resides in Braddock, Pa., Solomon died July 7, 1911, in Westmoreland county, Pa.; Isaac G., who served as a soldier in the Civil war, a member of Company K, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, died of fever, May 4, 1865, and was buried at the Forks Church; Theresa, who married William J. Stitt; John M. lived in Los Angeles, Cal., where he died Aug. 11, 1912; Abraham L. resides at Los Angeles, Cal.; Alice married A. G. Humm; Charles H. is still on the homestead. The father, William Shipman, came to Armstrong county, Pa., in 1852, and followed the shoemaking trade until 1868, when he purchased the farm in Gilpin township on which his son, Charles H., now resides. His death occurred in the following year, April 8, 1869, and he was buried at the Forks Church. He married Elizabeth Linhart, a daughter of Jacob Linhart, who came to America from Germany and settled in Allegheny county, Pa., where he acquired 500 acres of valuable coal land, which he sold to the firm of Briggs & Hayes, and they operated extensively there in coal. Mrs. Shipman died Aug. 21, 1887, and was buried by the side of her husband.

Charles H. Shipman attended school in Gilpin township during boyhood and remained on the home farm giving assistance until he was twenty-nine years of age, when he went to Kansas and from there with his brother Abraham, pushed on to Seattle, Wash., driving a team all the way. He had previously learned

the carpenter's trade and during his stay at Seattle engaged in building, carpentry and contracting, his two years there being prosperous ones from a business standpoint. In 1890 he returned to Armstrong county and purchased the homestead farm of 120 acres in Gilpin township. This land is valuable, the soil being well adapted to farming, while there is also a gas well on one portion of the property, making it possible to use gas for his heating and lighting and as motive power where needed.

On June 25, 1890, Mr. Shipman was married to Sarah C. Klingensmith, a daughter of Peter Klingensmith, who formerly was a man of considerable prominence in Gilpin township. He was born March 15, 1814, and died Nov. 10, 1893. He was a farmer for many years and later was a merchant at White Rock. His wife, Sarah A. Klingensmith, was born Feb. 21, 1825, and died Jan. 20, 1889. They were buried at Forks Church. The following children were born to Peter Klingensmith and wife: Ellen J., who married A. J. Allshouse; Lydia A., who married J. L. George; Jefferson W., who is deceased; Alice, deceased, who was the wife of Aaron Elenberger; Jackson, who lives at New Kensington, Pa.; Barkley J., who lives at Verona, Pa.; Sarah C., who is the wife of Charles H. Shipman; and Chambers, who lives in Gilpin township.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipman have two children, Abraham and Helen, both of whom have been students in Grove City College, and are now finishing their education at the University of Wooster, Ohio. The family belongs to the Forks Lutheran Church. Politically Mr. Shipman is a Republican, and fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World.

ALDEN NEAL, farmer and general merchant of Cowanshannock township, belongs to a prominent and old settled family of this part of Armstrong county and is himself one of its representative citizens. He has been thrifty and successful in the management of his own affairs, and has several times been chosen to fill township offices, the duties of which he has performed faithfully and satisfactorily. His father, the late Smith Neal, was one of the largest landowners in the eastern part of the county, and a leading man in public and church matters for many years.

The Neal family is of German descent, and the ancestor of this branch, Henry Neal, was a farmer in the Cumberland valley. He had three brothers who served in the Colonial army in the Revolution, and were all killed in the battle of Brandywine. He married a Miss Smith, by whom he had three sons: William, who settled in Armstrong county; John, who became a farmer in Butler county, and Smith.

Smith Neal, son of Henry, was born March 5, 1764, in the Cumberland valley, in Cumberland county, and thence removed to Butler county, Pa., where he settled in 1796, among its early pioneers. He enlisted in the Colonial army during the Revolution, and served one day. He was also a soldier during the War of 1812, and afterward served as a surveyor for the government. The gun that he carried has been preserved in the family, and is now in the possession of his great-grandson, Alden Neal. In 1833 Smith Neal removed to Armstrong county, where he purchased the farm which he cultivated until his death, Aug. 5, 1863, when he was in the one hundredth year of his age. He was a millwright by trade. He was a Whig in politics and a member of the Seceder Church. He married Sarah Cochran, and they had one son, Robert.

Robert Neal, born in Butler county July 5, 1798, was a farmer of Butler county until 1834, when he bought a farm in Armstrong county. He was a member of the Seceder Church until his death, Dec. 24, 1862. In politics he was a Whig and afterward a Republican, and served as the first inspector of elections in his township. He married Sarah Love, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1797 and died in December, 1857, and they had five children, three sons and two daughters: William H. married Eliza Stuchel, and settled near Marion; Rosetta P. married Thomas H. Marshall, a merchant and farmer of Dayton; Alexander went to California; Smith is mentioned below; Mary J. (deceased) married James Hanagan, and after his death married James Temple, of Iowa.

Smith Neal was born in Butler county, Pa., Jan. 25, 1822, and was reared on his father's farm. He attended the subscription schools of the neighborhood, and engaged in farming from the time he left school, in Cowanshannock township and elsewhere. Besides his Cowanshannock township farm of two hundred acres he also owned the home farm of five hundred acres. Until his death, which occurred June 7, 1899, he was a well-known resident of the township, holding various local offices and taking an influential part in the activities of the United Presbyterian Church at Dayton, to which he and all his family belonged. He served as elder for many years, and represented the Brookville Presbytery

in the general assembly of the United Presbyterian Church held at Philadelphia in 1887. Politically he was a Republican.

On May 25, 184—, Mr. Neal married Margaret Sloan, who was born in 1823, a daughter of Samuel and Nancy Sloan, old settlers of Plum Creek township. To Mr. and Mrs. Neal were born five children, one son and four daughters: Nancy Jane, now living in Los Angeles, Cal.; Amanda, wife of Johnson Irwin, a carpenter, of Pomona, Cal.; Sarah C., wife of Samuel Burns, formerly a farmer of Cowanshannock township, now in Dayton, Pa.; and Margaret and Alexander, who are deceased. Mrs. Neal passed away March 17, 1861, when thirty-nine years of age. On April 10, 1862, Mr. Neal married (second) Caroline Jewert, a native of Plum Creek, born Nov. 22, 1834, daughter of Alexander and Jane (Hickenlooper) Jewert, of Plum Creek township. To this second union were born six children, two sons and four daughters: Loella R., who married John P. Beyer, and after his death became the wife of A. M. Hines, a resident of Harrisburg and a conductor on the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad; L. Adda, wife of John Downey, of New Brighton, the inventor of the "Keystone Driller" and a steam-pump; Alden; Robert E., who lives on the farm adjoining the homestead; and Mattie V., who married William Elder, and Alice L., who married L. M. Lukehart, both now living in Los Angeles, California.

Alden Neal was born June 25, 1876, in Cowanshannock township, where he received his early education in the common schools, later attending Dayton Union Academy. He began life as a farmer, but in 1902 went to work at the carpenter's trade, following same until 1907. He then commenced the general merchandise business he has carried on, and he has built up a profitable trade, showing a steady increase. He also engages in farming in Cowanshannock township, and is regarded as one of the substantial men of his locality. He has been chosen to various local offices, having served as assistant assessor, auditor and supervisor in his township, in every capacity proving his fitness and ability. He is a member of the U. P. Church at Dayton, belongs to the I. O. O. F., Jr. O. U. A. M. and F. A. M., and is a Republican in his political views.

On Oct. 23, 1889, Mr. Neal married Margaret Jane Rankin, daughter of Matthew and Margaret (McCord) Rankin, of Cowanshannock township, and they have had eight children, namely: Smith, John G., Erastus J., Alexander A., Alice M., Sarah C. and Jennie Elizabeth and Charles M. (twins), all at home but Smith and John G., who are in Los Angeles, California.

THOMAS H. BOWSER, of Parkers Landing, Armstrong county, now living retired, is one of the oldest residents of that place, where he has made his home since 1870. He was born Feb. 14, 1841, near Curllsville, Clarion county, Pa., son of James S. and Eleanor (Monks) Bowser.

James S. Bowser was a native of Bedford county, Pa., and was of German parentage. He was reared in that county, and became a collier, following that occupation the greater part of his mature life, in Clarion, Indiana, Cambria, Armstrong and Lawrence counties, Pa. He finally settled in Parker township, Butler county, Pa., in 1870, and there passed the remainder of his life, dying May 23, 1884, at that location, in his eighty-first year. He married Eleanor Monks, daughter of William and Rachel (Benn) Monks, the former of whom was a native of Dublin, Ireland, the latter of London, England. William Monks served as an American soldier in the war of the Revolution. He and his wife were pioneers in what is now Clarion county, Pa., where they cleared and improved a farm near Curllsville upon which they lived and died. They were farming people throughout their residence there. Mr. Monks, who was born in February, 1759, died March 10, 1841; his wife, born Feb. 14, 1760, died May 8, 1852. Their family consisted of thirteen children: Elizabeth, Mrs. Andrew Bunker; Mary, Mrs. McKinley; Andrew; Ann, Mrs. James Fox; Rebecca, Mrs. Meredith; John W.; Margaret, Mrs. McLeary; William, a minister of the M. E. Church; Henry B.; Lydia, Mrs. Dillon; Rachel, Mrs. West; Eleanor, who married James S. Bowser; and Jane, Mrs. Robert Reynolds.

Mrs. James S. Bowser survived her husband a number of years, passing away Oct. 7, 1897, in her eighty-fourth year. She was the mother of the following children: Thomas H.; John H., deceased; Mary C., married to Lewis Delph; Jeremiah W., deceased; Anna E., deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Hearkenrather; James S., deceased; Rachel M., married to Stephen McLafferty; Margaret M., deceased; and Commodore C.

Thomas H. Bowser was reared in western Pennsylvania, received his education in the public schools, and under his father's instruction became a competent collier. He was en-

gaged as such until the breaking out of the Civil war, in April, 1861, enlisting for the defense of the Union, in Company C, 62d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered into the service July 4th of that year, and served three years, receiving his honorable discharge at Pittsburgh July 13, 1864. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Harrison's Landing and all the engagements of the Army of the Potomac in which his command took part, and was promoted to corporal Oct. 4, 1863. At Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, he received a bayonet wound through his right side, and was taken prisoner by the enemy, being sent to Belle Isle, where he remained until paroled Sept. 30th of that year. He was not exchanged however, until March, 1864, after which he rejoined his regiment at Harrison's Landing, Va. After leaving the army Mr. Bowser located at Mahoning Furnace, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he was employed in the mines for one year. Moving to Sligo, Clarion county, he was engaged in the colliery business there until 1868. From that time until 1870 he was employed in the same line in Lawrence county, Pa., in the latter year settling in Parker City, where he has continued to reside up to the present time. For sixteen years of this time he operated a coal mine of his own. Then he entered the employ of George B. Cooper, oil operator, with whom he remained, in the capacity of pumper, for a period of eight years, and later he was employed as such by O. J. Thomas for sixteen years, until his retirement, in 1910. He is a citizen of the highest standing, and is well known in local fraternal circles, being a member of Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 782, I. O. O. F., and of Col. C. A. Craig Post, G. A. R., of Parker City, of which he is the present commander. Mr. Bowser believes in the principles of the Republican party, but he is an independent voter.

On Nov. 14, 1864, Mr. Bowser married Mary Kleinhesselink, daughter of John and Henrietta Kleinhesselink, of Armstrong county., Pa., natives of Holland. Nine children have been born to this union; Margaret M., who is the wife of Daniel B. Logan; John H.; James H.; Ida M., deceased; Robert Bruce; Frank, deceased; Grace E., deceased, who was the wife of Charles Gates; Lydia H., wife of William F. King; and Curtis C.

JOHN E. WOLFE, a well-known farmer of Washington township, Armstrong county, who makes a specialty of fruit raising, belongs to a family of German descent which was founded here by two brothers, one of whom was his great-grandfather. They came from a county east of the mountains, possibly Bedford, and settled near Kittanning, in Armstrong county.

John Wolfe, the grandfather, was born Jan. 27, 1791, and died Jan. 29, 1856. Settling in Washington township, where he had secured about two hundred acres of wild land, he put up log buildings and there made a permanent home, remaining at that location until his death. He was one of the founders of the Lutheran Church at Limestone, in Washington township. He married Ann Margaret Sontel, who was born March 4, 1796, and died Oct. 17, 1885, and they had a large family, viz.; Michel, born Dec. 12, 1813, died June 20, 1883; Mathias is mentioned below; Eve, born Jan. 6, 1819, died in 1863; Christena, born July 5, 1821, died Nov. 17, 1907; Jacob, born April 17, 1824, died March 17, 1893; John, born Oct. 24, 1826, died April 1, 1901; Valentine, born March 17, 1829, died July 18, 1908; Diana was born Oct. 9, 1831; George King, born Oct. 21, 1836, died Aug. 30, 1907; Ann Margaret was born July 12, 1838.

Mathias Wolfe, son of John, was born Sept. 21, 1815, east of the mountains, and was very young when the family settled in Armstrong county. After living at various locations he bought the place in Washington township where his son John now lives, a tract of forty-five acres then only partly improved, with log buildings and other appointments of the most primitive order. There he spent the rest of his days. He met an accidental death May 22, 1865, at the comparatively early age of fifty, having been killed by a runaway term. Mr. Wolfe served several months in the Union army during the early part of the Civil war, having enlisted in the fall of 1861 in Company G, 103d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the following March, being discharged on account of disability. He was a Republican in politics, in religion a Lutheran. On June 8, 1837, he married Elizabeth Earley, who was born Oct. 2, 1816, and died Oct. 2, 1900. Ten children were born to them: William, born May 20, 1838, died the same year; Evaline, born May 19, 1840, died Feb. 14, 1912; Andrew, born Aug. 14, 1843, died in North Carolina in 1863 from exposure, while serving in the Union army in the 103d Pennsylvania Regiment; Mary Ann, born Aug. 16, 1845, is deceased; Nancy Rachel, born Jan. 29, 1848, is deceased; John E. is mentioned below;

Jane, was born Aug. 7, 1852; Harriet, April 20, 1854; Margaret E., April 13, 1856; Catherine, born Dec. 9, 1861, died March 11, 1863.

John E. Wolfe was born April 11, 1850, in Madison township, Armstrong county, and was only a week old when the family removed to the farm in Washington township where he has ever since had his home. He remained at home during his youth and early manhood, working with his father, and eventually became manager and owner of the property, upon which he has made many modern improvements. It is all in fine condition, and he has given particular attention to his orchard, for which the place is noted. Mr. Wolfe has held a number of local offices, having been treasurer, supervisor and school director of his township, where he is a most highly esteemed citizen. In politics he is associated with the Republican party. In church connection he is Lutheran.

On Dec. 4, 1872, Mr. Wolfe married Elanore E. Lemmon, who was born Feb. 17, 1854, in Armstrong county, Pa., daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Bonner) Lemmon. Seven children have been born to them: Charles A., born Dec. 10, 1873, married Oct. 28, 1902, Laura McGaughey, they have no children. Andrew M., born Sept. 6, 1875, married in November, 1896, Eleanor C. Spencer, who died Nov. 8, 1900, the mother of two children, both deceased; in 1902 he married (second) Carrie Orr, and they have had five children. Harold (deceased), Earl, Charles, Paul and Maxim. Elizabeth A., born Sept. 25, 1877, married E. S. Spencer, of Los Angeles, Cal., and has two children, Fred and Josephine. James H., born Sept. 2, 1879, now living in Nebraska, married Mary Davis; they have no children. Arthur Chester, born March 15, 1882, now living in Kittanning, married Myrtle McGarvey, and they have one child, Ellen. Sarah Jane, born Sept. 8, 1888, is unmarried. John T. Sherman, born Jan. 16, 1891, died Oct. 16, 1901.

ERWIN J. ASHE, a business man of Kittanning borough, was born Sept. 15, 1866, in Armstrong county, son of Henry and Lydia (Lichtey) Ashe. His grandfather, also named Henry Ashe, was one of the early settlers of Somerset county, Pa., where he developed a fine farming property.

Henry Ashe, father of Erwin J. Ashe, was born in Somerset county, where he was reared on the homestead. Coming to Armstrong county in 1865, he continued to farm, devoting himself to this calling all his life. He is still living, now over eighty-two years old, but his wife passed away in 1891. They had children as follows: Anna Bell, wife of W. H. Wadding; Sarah Elizabeth; Shedrach L.; Edmund; Alfred M.; Erwin J.; Cora, wife of Elmer McMillen, and Bertha, who died in infancy.

Erwin J. Ashe attended public school in Armstrong county, and when still a lad began earning his own living by working in the lumber camps and coal mines. He continued in these lines until twenty-two years old, when he began farming and dealing in stock. These kindred callings absorbed his time for five years, when he went upon the road as a traveling salesman. After seven years' work in this capacity he bought the "Eagle Hotel" at Kittanning and operated it for two years. In 1911 he opened a wholesale liquor house, and is still engaged in that line. In 1905 he was the Republican candidate for county treasurer, and was elected by a large majority for a term of three years. In 1908 and 1909 he served as chairman of the Republican county central committee and has always been active in politics. He is well known in the local fraternal bodies, belonging to the B. P. O. Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles and Loyal Order of Moose.

In October, 1887, Mr. Ashe married Martha E. Ross, daughter of Aaron Ross. They have had nine children: Edna, wife of Ivan D. Doverspike; Fred R.; Lydia; William A.; James M.; Mabel, deceased; Charles P.; John, who died in infancy, and Robert E.

WILLIAM SMITH ELGIN, a well-known carpenter and contractor of Rural Valley, Armstrong county, was born in Cowanshannock township, this county, June 26, 1859, a son of Samuel and Isabella (Truby) Elgin. His paternal grandfather, James Elgin, born in County Derry, Ireland, in 1760, came to America in 1782. He was married in 1791. He became one of the first settlers in what is now Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, clearing and improving a homestead near what is now the site of Elderton. In 1830 he removed to what is now Cowanshannock (then Wayne) township, purchasing 300 acres of land still owned and occupied by his descendants, his grandson, James T. Elgin, residing there. He died at that place in December, 1837, and is buried in St. Thomas cemetery, in Plum Creek township. His children were: Alexander, Hugh, Daniel, John, James, William, Samuel, Martha, Jennie, Margaret, Nancy and Sarah (married William McIntosh).

Samuel Elgin, son of James Elgin, Sr., was

born in Plum Creek township, this county, Dec. 1, 1811. Coming with his parents to what is now Cowanshannock township in 1830, he succeeded to the homestead at his father's death. Most of this place he cleared and improved, remaining there until his death, which occurred July 25, 1876. He led an honorable and useful life, and held various offices in Cowanshannock township, discharging the duties of same with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. On Oct. 1, 1836, he married Isabella Truby, who was born March 10, 1820, daughter of Michael Truby, a pioneer blacksmith of Kittanning, where he was one of the first settlers. They became the parents of fourteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity, viz: Jeremiah, Rebecca (married Robert McFarland), Ellen (married George Reisinger), Samuel, Isabella E. (married Andrew Gallagher), Martha Jane (married Ross Milliron), Margaret R., James T., George L., William S., Robert B., Amanda (died young), Alexander and John A. (died young). Of these, Jeremiah, Alexander and Samuel were soldiers in the Civil war, Alexander enlisting in 1862, and dying May 21, 1863, at Washington, D. C., while serving as chaplain of Company B, 139th P. V. I. Jeremiah and Samuel were in Battery M, 204th P. V. I., and served to the close of the war.

William Smith Elgin was reared to manhood at the homestead where he was born in Cowanshannock township. After attaining his majority, he located in Rural Valley. He served a three years' apprenticeship to the carpenters' trade, in Leechburg, Armstrong Co., Pa., and Fairfield, Iowa. He has been a permanent resident of Rural Valley since 1884, and has been successfully engaged as a carpenter and contractor throughout that period. His reliable work has gained him high standing among his fellow citizens, both as mechanic and business man.

On Oct. 30, 1883, Mr. Elgin married Almeda E. Fiscus, daughter of Christopher and Margaret (Graham) Fiscus, of Kittanning township, this county, and they have three children: Mabel, now the wife of Frank E. Peters, of Akron, Ohio; Marshall H., and Corwin F. Mr. Elgin and his family are mmbers of the M. E. Church of Rural Valley, and he is one of the trustees of that church. He has been quite active in its work, and has also taken considerable part in local public affairs, having served as tax collector (twelve years), auditor (twelve years) and in various minor positions. Politically he is a Republican.

JAMES ALEXANDER FOSTER, business man of Parkers Landing, Armstrong county, was born in Indiana county, Pa., Nov. 23, 1856, son of Evan C. and Elizabeth (Kephart) Foster. His grandfather was born in England, and came to the United States with his wife and children, locating at Williamsport, Pa., where he died.

Evan C. Foster, father of James A. Foster, was born in England, and was young when his parents came to America. He grew to manhood in Pennsylvania and became a lumber contractor. While looking after his business interests in Clearfield county, Pa., he was suddenly attacked with a fatal illness, in the latter part of 1857. He married Elizabeth Kephart, who was of German ancestry.

James Alexander Foster attended the public schools of Saltsburg, Pa., until he was twelve years of age, and then started out for himself, the death of his father having placed responsibilities upon him unusually early. For eighteen months he drove a team in a lumber camp on the Susquehanna river, and afterward secured employment in the chemical works at Natrona, Allegheny Co., Pa., where he remained until 1880. Meantime he made some study of chemistry and took a course of instruction at Duff's business college, Pittsburgh, and in addition utilized his spare moments learning telegraphy and the railroad business. Later he completed a course in architecture. In 1882 he located at Chicora, Butler, Co., Pa., and in 1890 came to Parkers Landing. From 1885 until 1904 he was associated with the Standard Oil Company in some capacity. Since 1910 Mr. Foster has been connected with the Weisfield Manufacturing and Chemical Company, and is manager of their extensive business and one of the stockholders in the same.

In June, 1883, Mr. Foster was married to Christine S., Frederick, daughter of Bernard Frederick, of Chicora, Pa., and they have had three children: Arthur W., who is deceased; Vida I., who is the wife of S. A. Sherman, of Youngstown, Ohio, and Kathleen E. Mr. Foster and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church. Politically he is a Republican, and he is clerk of the city council, having been a member of this body, representing the Second ward, for five years. He is secretary of the Board of Trade, and for five years was a member of the school board and its secretary. His public activities have always been useful and honorable. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

JOHN JAMES DUNMIRE, who is engaged in general farming in Rayburn township and also owns and operates a coal mine upon his farm, is one of the leading citizens of that township, where he has been honored with various public positions. Mr. Dunmire was born May 2, 1863, in Valley township, Armstrong county, son of Philip J. and Salina (or Sallie) S. (Davis) Dunmire, both of whom are deceased.

Philip J. Dunmire, the father, was born July 31, 1832, at Cherry Run, in Armstrong county, of German parents, who settled there. He was a carpenter by trade, and gave all his attention to his own affairs, never aspiring to office or taking any active part in public affairs. In politics he was a Democrat; in religion he and his wife were Lutherans. His death occurred Feb. 12, 1899. He married Sallie S. Davis, who was born March 22, 1837, in Valley township, and died May 24, 1896. Her father, Daniel D. Davis, died Jan. 26, 1890, aged eighty-three years, eleven months, ten days; her mother, Salina, was born Aug. 9, 1808, in Valley township, Armstrong county, and died Dec. 19, 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Davis had the following children: Eliza Jane, born May 4, 1858; Levi, Feb. 23, 1860 (died July 23, 1909); John James, May 2, 1863; George B. McClellan, July 28, 1865; William Clinton, April 8, 1867; Ida Mary, Nov. 2, 1869; Lizzie McNerna, July 7, 1872 (deceased); Samuel Jefferson, May 15, 1875 (deceased); Maggie Luretta, March 28, 1878; Maud Blanche, July 1, 1880.

John James Dunmire (best known as J. J. Dunmire) received his early education in Pittsburgh. He followed mining in Kittanning for fifteen years, until in 1898 he came to his present home in Rayburn township, Armstrong county. He has a tract of fifty acres, devoted to general crops, and also operates a coal mine situated upon the property. Mr. Dunmire has managed his business affairs successfully, and so thoroughly has he won the confidence of his fellow citizens in the township that they have chosen him to fill several public positions of trust. He is at present serving as overseer of the poor, and he has served as school director, auditor and road supervisor, in every capacity giving the complete satisfaction that his supporters expected of him. In political sentiment he is a Democrat. He belongs to the United Presbyterian Church. Is 1884 Mr. Dunmire was married to Christina Fairley, who was born June 26, 1860, on the place he now occupies in Valley township, daughter of John and Elizabeth Fairley, the former of whom died in 1866, the latter in October, 1896. Mrs. Dunmire died April 19, 1907, and in 1912 Mr. Dunmire married (second) Eliana Mary Hutchison, who was born at Parker, Armstrong Co., Pa., daughter of W. P. Hutchison. His children, all by the first marriage, are as follows: Sarah Elizabeth, born May 24, 1885, was married Sept. 20, 1906, to Charles Kennedy, and resides at Kittanning, Armstrong county; Elsie Olive, born March 5, 1887, was married June 29, 1911, to Lee Patton, and lives in the borough of Kittanning; Arthur Fairley, born Feb. 19, 1889, Janet Agnes, born June 11, 1893, Mary Maud, born July 13, 1895, and Ruth Christina Fairley, born April 4, 1898, are at home.

WILLIAM HENRY MILLER, formerly a farmer of East Franklin township, Armstrong county, now living retired in the borough of Kittanning, where he has had his home since the spring of 1911, was born Dec. 1, 1839, in Bedford county, Pa., son of James and Eliza (Strunk) Miller. William Henry Miller, the grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and came to the United States alone, before his marriage. He settled in Mifflin county, Pa., where he followed farming until his death. His children were: Moses, William, Jackson, James, Martha, Ann, Phoebe, Caroline.

James Miller, father of William Henry Miller, of Kittanning, was born in Mifflin county, Pa., where he lived until after his marriage. He learned the carpenter's trade there, and later engaged in the machine business. Locating at the county seat of Bedford county, he conducted a machine shop, and sold the first threshing machine sold in Bedford county. After ten years' residence there he removed to Armstrong county, Pa., in October, 1847, settling on the 300-acre farm in Franklin township upon which he passed the remainder of his days. He died in 1905, at the age of ninety-three years. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and in politics held to the principles of the Democratic party. He married Eliza Strunk, who was born in Mifflin county, Pa., two miles from Lewistown, on a farm, daughter of Henry and Mary (Starr) Strunk, and died Aug. 11, 1890, aged seventy-two years, five months, twenty-three days. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had three children, William Henry, Mary Jane and Caroline.

William Henry Miller received his early education in Bedford county, but he was only eight years old when the family removed to Armstrong county, where he grew to manhood.

He engaged in farming and stock raising on the home place, where he continued to live throughout his active years, assuming the entire care of the property as his father's advancing years made him relinquish the heavier work, and he farmed there until his retirement, in March, 1911. He has since lived in Kittanning, his home being at No. 499 High street. His son-in-law, Mr. Meals, now has charge of the farm and its cultivation. Mr. Miller prosecuted his work with intelligence and industry, and his large and valuable farm showed the care and attention he bestowed upon it.

In 1862 Mr. Miller married Edith King, who was born Sept. 8, 1843, in Clarion county, Pa., daughter of Joseph Cheyney and Margaretta (Zink) King, and they have had the following children: Anna, Mrs. James Wiley, who lives at Kittanning; James, who is now a resident of Pittsburgh; Joseph, of West Kittanning; Cora, wife of Charles Meals; William, who died at the age of eleven months; Charles, of Detroit, Mich.; Laura, at home; and Pearl, who died when two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Methodist Church. In politics he has always been a Democrat, but he has never taken any active part in such affairs, and has never aspired to office.

Joseph Cheyney King, father of Mrs. William Henry Miller, was born Dec. 6, 1807, at Thornton in Delaware county, Pa. Moving to Clarion county, Pa., when a young man, he engaged in mercantile pursuits, and later assumed the management of Black Furnace. Subsequently, in partnership with Mr. Black, he started a new furnace, known as the Tippecanoe Furnace, on Tippecanoe creek in Clarion county. After some years the firm dissolved, and Colonel King, as he was then known, came to Armstrong county, becoming manager of Graff's Furnace, on Buffalo creek, in Franklin township. His family was established in a home at Worthington, this county, where he resided until his sudden death, on Sept. 11, 1857, at the age of forty-six years. His wife Margaretta (Zink), a native of Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Pa., born Dec. 15, 1816, died Nov. 9, 1887, aged seventy years, ten months, twenty-four days. They had a family of nine children: Esther, Catherine and Phoebe (twins), Edith (Mrs. Miller), Joseph, John, Emma, Elizabeth and Alfred.

W. J. McAWLEY, general merchant at Edmon, Armstrong county, Pa., was born in Maysville, this county, July 17, 1878, son of John S. and Nancy (McAdoo) McAwley.

Samuel McAwley, his great-grandfather, was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., and some time between 1825 and 1830 moved to Westmoreland county, on the opposite bank of the Conemaugh river from Saltsburg.

James McAwley was born in 1812, in Huntingdon county, and removed with his father, Samuel, to Westmoreland county. About 1830 he went to Gamble's salt works in Kiskiminetas township, and for twenty-eight years was engaged in the manufacture of salt. He bought and operated a farm of 111 acres in this township, on which he resided at the time of his death, Jan. 2, 1895. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Apollo. His wife was Sarah Ripple, and they had eight children, four of whom are now living.

John S. McAwley attended the public schools of his district, and the Elder's Ridge academy. When only thirteen years old, in 1859, he went into the oil region of Pennsylvania, where he worked for nine years. When his country had need of him he responded to the call, enlisting in August, 1864, under Captain Weaver, in Company J, 1st Pennsylvania Battalion, commanded by Colonel Stewart. Mr. McAwley served four months, being present at the burning of Chambersburg. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Kiskiminetas, and entering into a partnership with James McAdoo became a general merchant at Edmon, where the firm operated under the name of McAdoo & McAwley. Mr. McAdoo died Aug. 16, 1911, and the business is now under the management of W. J. McAwley, although owned by John S. McAwley.

On Oct. 16, 1877, John S. McAwley was married to Nancy McAdoo, daughter of William McAdoo. One son has been born to this marriage, William J.

William J. McAwley was educated in his district school, which he attended until fifteen years old, when he entered Elder's Ridge academy, from which he was graduated in 1899. Still later he entered Washington and Jefferson College, from which he was graduated in 1900, with the degree of A. B. Following this he took a law course in the University of Pittsburgh, graduating from that institution in 1906, with the degree of LL. B. He is a Democrat, very active in the interests of his party.

On June 19, 1913, Mr. McAwley was married to Flora Bell Stewart, a daughter of D. M. Stewart, also a resident of Kiskiminetas township.

JOHN RAY came to his present home in Burrell township, Armstrong county, in 1868, forty-six years ago, and with the exception of five years spent at Leechburg has resided there ever since. He is a native of Germany, born Jan. 8, 1835, in Hessen-Darmstadt, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Steiger) Ray. His grandparents were also of German birth.

Jacob Ray, the father, came to this country when his son John was a small boy, and upon landing went at once to Pittsburgh, Pa., then to Westmoreland county, where he remained for a short time. From there he moved to Armstrong county, where he bought a farm, and his grandchildren still own one farm which he bought and work another. He had two sons and one daughter.

John Ray was given such advantages as the various places in which the family lived during his boyhood afforded, and he was a farmer throughout his active years, now living retired. He had 120 acres. He is a man universally respected and esteemed in his neighborhood, and has served as supervisor of his township, to which office he was elected on the Republican ticket.

On March 23, 1861, Mr. Ray was married to Jane George, who was born April 5, 1844, daughter of John and Nancy (Baker) George, farming people of Armstrong county, and granddaughter of Peter and Anna (Reichard) George, and of Peter and Priscilla (McAwley) Baker, all of Westmoreland county. Both her grandfathers, Peter George and Peter Baker, were Germans. The former was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and also served during the Indian troubles in Westmoreland county, and received a pension for his services. Priscilla McAwley was a daughter of John McAwley, and was of Irish descent. John and Nancy (Baker) George had a family of twelve children. Mr. and Mrs. Ray have had a family of sixteen children, nine sons and seven daughters, namely: Elizabeth married Samuel Riffer, and died at the age of twenty-seven years; Emma is the wife of Jonas Heckman, and has had seven children (they live in Westmoreland county); William Albert died in 1887, aged twenty-three years; Harvey died in childhood; Jacob Parry, who lives in Wheeling, W. Va., married Sarah Klingensmith, of Armstrong county, and has had six children; John Martin, who lives in Westmoreland county, married Ida Swank and has had seven children; Malinda Jane is married to Jacob Keppler, of Parks township, this county (they have no children); Edward lives in Wheeling; Clarence Wilmer is married to Emma Wilson, of Armstrong county, and they have had four children; Nancy married Jim Myers, of Gilpin township, and they have three children; Renie died when two years old; Oscar died when thirteen years old; Mary died when eleven years old; Barton Grover is a stationery engineer at Wheeling, W. Va.; one child died a few hours after birth; George Elmer died when three years old. Renie, Oscar, Mary and George Elmer died within a month, of diphtheria. The family are Lutherans in religious connection, attending the Brick Church in Burrell township.

REV. FATHER L. A. CARROLL, priest in charge of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Kittanning, was born July 9, 1873, at Allegheny City, Pa., son of Michael and Catherine (Campbell) Carroll. The parents were born in County Down, Ireland, and came to the United States in the sixties, during the Civil war. Mr. Carroll became a traveling salesman, and continued in that line for many years.

Father Carroll attended public school in the fifteenth ward of Allegheny City, and later that at Herman, Butler Co., Pa., and is a graduate of the college of St. Fidelis, at Herman. From there he entered St. Vincent Seminary, in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he completed his theological studies, and he was ordained priest June 26, 1896. Following this he became assistant priest at Connellsville, Pa., continuing there for two years, when he was transferred to Wilkinsburg, and still later was placed in charge of the church at West Newton, Pa. During the great strike at Monessen, Pa., he was in charge of the Catholic Church there, and for a time was assistant priest at Irwin, Pa. During the typhoid epidemic at Butler, Pa., he was transferred to that city, and did heroic work among the sick and dying, working day and night regardless of creed. Probably no one man did more to relieve suffering, soothe the pillow of the dying, and finally stamp out the disease, than he. His heroism, kindness of heart and purpose and knowledge of sanitary requirements will long be remembered by the grateful people of Butler. In 1904 he was placed in charge of St. Mary's at Kittanning. Here, as elsewhere, his efforts have been rewarded, for the parish is in a flourishing condition. When he took charge his congregation consisted of about forty families, but at present he has two hundred enrolled as members of the church. In 1907 he built the parochial school edifice, a four-room brick structure, with four sisters of St. Joseph as teachers. There are two hun-

dred pupils in the school. The church building has been greatly improved by interior decorating and exterior painting. An earnest, devout man, Father Carroll is also a good business manager, and his parish shows the results of his energy and foresight on every side.

SAMUEL L. REDICK, a farmer of South Buffalo township, was born Dec. 6, 1857, in the old log house of his father, six miles northeast of Freeport, Pa. He is a son of James H. and Elizabeth (Patterson) Redick.

Rev. John Redick, his grandfather, was born east of the Allegheny mountains, and afterward moved to Armstrong county, being one of the earliest settlers in this section, where his death occurred in 1846. He was a Presbyterian minister.

James H. Redick was born in 1817 in Pennsylvania. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade in Pittsburgh, moved to Slate Lick, and worked at his trade for eight years, or until 1851, when he bought 100 acres of land in South Buffalo township, Armstrong county. A strong churchman, he aided liberally to build a church for the Presbyterian denomination at Clinton, this county, and there he and his family worshipped for a long time, all being members of that church. Very social in his nature, he made many friends. Another strong characteristic was his sense of justice, and in all his dealings he never failed to be honorable. His death occurred in 1881, and he was universally mourned, for in him the community lost a good citizen. At the time of his death, he was an elder in the church he had built.

Samuel L. Redick has spent his life on the farm where he was born, and obtained his education in the public school of his district, attending until he was twenty-one years old. He now owns the home farm, and is recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of his township.

On June 6, 1888, Mr. Redick was married, in Pittsburgh, to Emma Wolf, daughter of King Wolf. The ancestors of the Wolf family came from Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Redick are the parents of three children, two of whom are living: James C., born April 4, 1889; and Mary P., born Dec. 14, 1890. Mr. Redick belongs to the Presbyterian Church of Clinton, of which he is an elder. He is a Republican, and has served his township as collector for seven years and supervisor for three years. He is holding the office of collector now, having been elected Nov. 3, 1913. Although elected justice of the peace upon one occasion, he declined to serve.

ELMER E. SCHAEFFER, of Burrell township, Armstrong county, lives on a farm which has been in his family over one hundred years, having come down to him from his great-great-grandfather.

Anthony Schaeffer, a native of Germany, settled in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., in 1733, was married in Northampton county, Pa., to Maria Catherine Reeg, and came to Armstrong county among the very early settlers making his home on the land in what was then Kittanning (now Burrell) township now owned by Elmer E. Schaeffer. The original tract he owned contained over six hundred acres. He died here when a very old man, and is buried in the old Schaeffer graveyard in Bethel township, where the first Lutheran Church, organized in 1806, was established. He was one of its founders and charter members, and was a most respected man in his section, where his high Christian character and nobility of disposition won him the loving esteem of all who knew him. To him and his wife were born five children: Eva Catherine, born Nov. 15, 1766; George P., March 27, 1769; Elizabeth Christina, Feb. 21, 1771; Susanna Margaret, April 13, 1774 (all born in Heidelberg township); and John Philip, Nov. 18 or Dec. 20, 1778.

John Philip Schaeffer, Sr., born Nov. 18 or Dec. 20, 1778, on the old Schaeffer homestead in what is now Burrell township, Armstrong county, died July 9, 1848. His wife, Catherine Elizabeth (Zerfoss), died Nov. 27, 1830. Her father John Zerfoss, was a soldier in the Revolution, and received a severe saber wound in the face in an encounter with a British colonel whom he shot. The British officer, who was captured, and lost a leg, complimented him on his bravery as both lay in the hospital.

John Philip Schaeffer, son of John Philip and Catherine (Zerfoss) Schaeffer, was born April 22, 1811, on the same farm, the place now owned by his grandson Elmer E., followed farming all his life, and was an active citizen of the locality, holding several township offices. Twelve children were born to his marriage with Susanna Olinger, viz.: David, William, Josiah J., Harriet, Mary J., Emma, Isaac N., Jackson, Levi, Margaret, James M. and Clara. Mr. and Mrs. Schaeffer were Lutherans. He died June 16, 1867, she in 1873, at the age of fifty-four years.

William Schaeffer, father of Elmer E., was

born April 23, 1836, lived in Burrell township, and died Jan. 30, 1892. He married Louisa Helfferich, who was born Nov. 14, 1841, daughter of George and Margaret (Woodside) Helfferich, and they had a family of four children, three sons and one daughter: Elmer E.; Homer H., a builder, of Wickboro, Pa., who married Judy Scholl and has four children, two sons and two daughters; Mary Margaret, who married A. E. Waltenbough, of Ford City, an employee of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, and has a daughter; and Kelley R., of Warren, Ohio, a merchant, who married Dora Ensminger and has three children, two sons and one daughter.

Elmer E. Schaeffer was born Aug. 18, 1865, in Burrell township, and received a thorough education, attending common and select schools. He taught school in the township for thirteen years, and in that connection is very well known, though he has also made an excellent reputation by his efficient discharge of the duties of the public offices he has held, having been school director and auditor of his township. His farm of 115 acres is a valuable tract and well cultivated, for he is one of the most progressive agriculturists of his section and has been very successful in his farming operations. Few residents of the township are better known, and he commands the esteem of all whom he meets in any of the relations of life. He and his family are Lutherans in religious connection, belonging to St. Michael's, the Brick Church, and in politics he is a Democrat.

On Sept. 4, 1895, Mr. Schaeffer married Katie A. Spang, of Burrell township, daughter of Oliver and Lucetta (Fiscus) Spang, who had a family of five children, Quinby A., who married Jessie Cornwall; Dora, wife of J. B. Helffrich; Martha, wife of J. E. Loy; Harry, who married Dora Schreckengost; and Katie A., Mrs. Elmer E. Schaeffer. To Mr. and Mrs. Schaeffer have been born four children: Wayne R., Feb. 5, 1897; Paul W., Nov. 21, 1898; Meade E., July 21, 1900, and Helen L., Sept. 23, 1905.

JOHN M. UPPERMAN, who has long been settled as a farmer in Boggs township, has passed all his life in Armstrong county. He was born Jan. 2, 1852, at Buffalo Furnace, in West Franklin township, son of John and Eliza (Hull) Upperman, the former a native of Germany, where his father lived and died.

John Upperman was born in 1806, and was a young man of twenty-eight, unmarried, when he came to the United States. He landed at Baltimore. Some years later he came westward to Pittsburgh, and afterward to Armstrong county, where he first located at Ruff Run Furnace. He then moved to Buffalo Furnace, in 1868 locating on a tract of 107 acres in Pine (later Boggs) township. He remained at that place until his death, in 1883. Mr. Upperman married, while living east of the mountains, Eliza Hull, who was born in 1818, and three children were born to them prior to their removal to western Pennsylvania, Mary Catherine, Rebecca and Rachel E. Francis W. was born on the old Buffington farm. At Buffalo Furnace thre more children were born, Henry N., William B. and John M. The mother of this family died in 1885. Mr. Upperman was a Republican in politics. In religious faith he was a Baptist.

John M. Upperman passed his early manhood working at various places, in 1877 returning to the old family homestead, where he has ever since continued to reside. He follows farming, and is one of the thrifty, intelligent residents of his section, held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

On Oct. 26, 1882, Mr. Upperman married Margaret Oliver, who was born Oct. 6, 1862, in Boggs township, daughter of John S. and Margaret (Wilt) Oliver, natives of Armstrong county, the former born Sept. 15, 1816, the latter March 17, 1827. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver had four children, born as follows: Wilson, May 30, 1847; Sloan, April 12, 1850; Mary J., June 17, 1860; and Margaret (Mrs. Upperman), Oct. 6, 1862.

Mrs. Upperman died Sept. 5, 1907. She was the mother of six children: Alice Bell, born Feb. 21, 1885, who married John Bush and lives at Steubenville, Ohio; Harry R., born March 9, 1886, who died Sept. 15, 1886; Laura May, born July 17, 1887; Ina Pearl, born Sept. 17, 1890, who died Feb. 12, 1891; Walter E., born Nov. 16, 1893; and Francis Earl, who died Sept. 12, 1897.

GEORGE A. MARVIN, farmer, residing in Gilpin township, Armstrong county, is one of the well-known young men of his section. He was born on the family homestead June 22, 1872, and is a son of Mark Marvin, grandson of Anthony Marvin and great-grandson of Archibald Marvin.

The Marvin family of Armstrong county was founded in America by (I) Mathew Marvin, youngest son of Edward and Margaret Marvin. He was baptized in St. Mary's Church, in Great Bentley, County of Essex, England, March 26, 1600. He was first mar-

ried in 1622, this wife dying in Hartford, Conn., about 1640. In 1647 he married Alice Bonton, widow of John Bonton. On April 15, 1635, he sailed from London in the "Increase," and settled in Connecticut.

His son (II) Mathew, by his first wife, was baptized Nov. 8, 1626, in St. Mary's Church, Great Bentley, England, and died in 1712 in Norwalk, Conn. He came to America with his father in the "Increase," married about 1650, and left two sons, (III) Samuel and John. (IV) Sergt. John Marvin, son of Samuel and Mary Marvin, was born Sept. 2, 1678, in Norwalk, Conn., and died in Sharon, Conn., on Feb. 9, 1774. On March 22, 1704, he was married to Mary, daughter of James Beers, Jr. He left at least one son, (V) Elihu Marvin, born Oct. 10, 1719, in Norwalk, Conn., who died Aug. 14, 1803, at Blooming Grove, Orange county, N. Y.

His son, (VI) Gen. Seth Marvin, was born Feb. 15, 1745, in Oxford, Orange county, N. Y., and married Polly Little, daughter of Archibald and Sarah Little, of Oxford.

He was actively engaged in the Revolution. In 1775 he signed the Association pledge in Orange county; in 1775-76 he was first lieutenant of the Cornwall Minute-men; later he was captain and lieutenant colonel, which commission he held until he was promoted to brigadier general, on March 29, 1806. He resided in Chester, then a part of Cornwall, in which place he died Aug. 25, 1815.

(VII) Archibald Marvin, son of Gen. Seth Marvin, was born in 1775, and married Elizabeth Hawthorn, a daughter of Col. John and Elizabeth (Welling) Hawthorn, of Warwick, N. Y., who was a member of the Goshen (N. Y.) committee of safety, a member of the first Congress of the United States and several times member of the New York State Assembly, of which body he was speaker. In 1802 Archibald Marvin settled on land in Chemung county, N. Y., taken up by his father soon after the Revolution, and there he lived until his death, in Aug. 26, 1825. It was his son Anthony who settled in Pennsylvania. Archibald Marvin's children were as follows: Hector, who died on the old York State farm in 1873; John, who died in Illinois, in 1876; Welling, who died in New York; Anthony; Seth, who died on his farm adjoining the old homestead; and Julia, who died in New York, the wife of Robert Beckwith.

(VIII) Anthony Marvin, son of Archibald and grandfather of George A. Marvin, was born on his father's farm in New York in 1808. He learned the blacksmith's trade and followed the same until 1848, and probably to some extent all his life. In 1820 he came to Allegheny county, Pa., worked on the construction of the old Pennsylvania canal, and afterward was engaged for some time in the manufacturing of salt. In 1860 he went to the oil fields, continuing in the oil business for several years, when he retired to Allegheny county, where he had purchased a small farm, on which his death occurred Dec. 11, 1881. He was buried at Tarentum, Pa. He married Margaret Eckman, of Westmoreland county, Pa., and they had five children, namely: Welling, who died at Tarentum; Elizabeth and Julia, who reside at Tarentum; Mark; and John, who was accidentally drowned at Cape May, N. J., in 1876. He was a rising young lawyer, a member of the Allegheny county bar, and had been engaged in practice for several years.

(IX) Mark Marvin, son of Anthony and father of George A. Marwin, was born in South Buffalo township, Armstrong county, Pa., July 12, 1839, and attended the district schools in early boyhood in what is now Gilpin township. In 1872 he came to the farm he still owns, the old Philip Klingsmith farm, located two and a half miles from Leechburg, Pa. The history of this farm can be traced as far back as 1789, and a warrant was received for it by Joshua Elder. It was surveyed by George Ross. Two adjoining tracts were taken up earlier, one in 1773 and the other in 1776.

On March 23, 1871, Mark Marvin was married to Elizabeth McKallip, a daughter of George W. McKallip, and they have the following children: George A., John H., Margaret J., Mary C. (wife of George Hazelett), Julia A., Charles McKallip and Paul Shirley. When Allegheny township was separated into three townships, in 1878, Mr. Marvin was one of the workers for this desirable division. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

(X) George A. Marvin was educated in the public schools and at the Leechburg high school. He has been more or less associated with his father in business and has always resided at home.

M. BLATT, a general merchant at Brady's Bend, in the township of that name, in Armstrong county, has been engaged in that line of business for the last twenty-seven years. He was born at Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 30, 1850, son of Peter and Barbara (Stuppee) Blatt.

Peter Blatt was a resident of Pittsburgh for some years. He came to Armstrong county

when his son Matt was two years old, and later moved to Butler county, Pa. Both he and his excellent wife are now deceased.

Matt Blatt grew to manhood in Brady's Bend township and attended school until he was eleven years old, when he began working in the mines. Later he went to Pittsburgh, where he learned the trade of tinner which he followed for a number of years in East Brady, conducting at the same time a hardware store as a member of the firm of V. Blatt & Bro. Later he and his brother divided the property and Matt. Blatt embarked in business at Brady's Bend, first as a hardware merchant, but gradually adding to his stock until he now carries a general line of gods. He enjoys an excellent patronage. At first he was located in the old building which is still standing beside his present one. At one time he suffered loss by fire, but recovered and continued his operations. St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Brady's Bend holds his membership. In politics he is a Democrat, but he has not desired public office, devoting himself to his family and business interests. He is interested in some oil lands in Butler county, and is a man of means and considerable business acumen.

In 1883 Mr. Blatt married Elizabeth Benson, a daughter of John and Mary Benson, natives of Butler county, Pa. No children have been born to this union.

THOMAS WALLY, general farmer and well known resident of Perry township, Armstrong county, Pa., was born on the Wally homestead in Perry township Sept. 29, 1838, and is a son of John and Charlotte (Truby) Wally.

Thomas Wally, his paternal grandfather, was a pioneer in what is now Fairview township, Butler county, Pa. His wife was named Rachel Hanes.

John Wally, son of Thomas Wally, settled in Perry township, Armstrong county, in 1834, cleared and improved a farm of 100 acres with the assistance of his older sons, and died on this farm in 1885, in his seventy-third year. This property is now owned by James M. Wally, a brother of Thomas Wally. John Wally married Charlotte Truby, daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Lauffer) Truby.

Thomas Wally attended the district schools in boyhood when opportunity offered and has followed farming more or less all his life. He has owned and occupied his present farm of 150 acres since 1886. For thirty years he was employed in the Pennsylvania oil fields as a carpenter and rig and tank builder, and was considered a very competent workman. Politically he is a Democrat and an influential one in Perry township, where his fellow citizns have frequently elected him to public offices, the duties of which he has discharged with efficiency. He has acceptably served as assessor, auditor, tax collector and school director.

On Dec. 16, 1860, Thomas Wally was married to Sarah A. Crawford, a daughter of William and Jemima (Burford) Crawford, who were among the early settlers in this township. Mr. and Mrs. Wally have had twelve children, eleven of whom grew to maturity: James C.; Perry L.; Alexander; Mackwith M.; Olive M., who is deceased; William C.; Rebecca; Charlotte F.; John; Jane, who is the wife of Albert A. Calhoun; and Thomas O. Mr. Wally is a progresive and well informed farmer, and is a member of Armstrong Grange, No. 1234.

JERRY T. SMITH, a farmer of Red Bank township, Armstrong county, was born Oct. 7, 1881, on the place he now occupies, son of the late George J. Smith.

The family was established in this county by his great-grandfather, George Smith, a native of Westmoreland county, whence he came to Mahoning township, Armstrong county. He followed farming the rest of his days. In politics he was a Democrat, and in early life a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in after years joining the Reformed Church. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Nolf, had a family of nine children, four sons and five daughters.

John Smith, son of George, was born Feb. 28, 1816, in Armstrong county. He was a prosperous farmer, owning 175 acres of land, which afterward became the property of his son George J. Smith. He was active in church work and local affairs, serving as supervisor of Red Bank township, and being an official member of the German Lutheran Church until his death. Politically he was a Democrat. He died May 16, 1875. In May, 1839, Mr. Smith married Catherine Potts, who was born March 6, 1820, and survived him, dying March 24, 1884. Her father, John Potts, a veteran of the Revolutionary war, was born in Westmoreland county, and lived for some time in Porter township, Jefferson county, afterward coming to Red Bank township, this county, where he engaged in farming. He was a Democrat and a member of the German Lutheran Church. By his marriage to a Miss Whitehead he had thirteen children, five sons and

eight daughters. Mr. and Mrs. John Smith had a family of ten children, six sons and four daughters, as follows: Lucinda, born April 22, 1840, married April 3, 1867, Adam Hetrick, a farmer of Wayne township; Samuel, born April 2, 1842, married Rachel Biddinger (he served two years in the 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war); William David, born Dec. 27, 1843, at one time a farmer of Indiana county, afterward moved to Rural Valley, Armstrong county, where he remained until death, March 18, 1908 (he married Lizzie Watt, and after her death married Lydia Gaston); George J. is mentioned below; John J., a farmer, born Jan. 3, 1848, married Hannah McGregor; Daniel B., born Feb. 7, 1850, died Nov. 12, 1860; Rachel, born Feb. 28, 1852, died Oct. 26, 1860; Rosanna was born March 23, 1856; Peter H., born April 25, 1858, married Samantha Hetrick, and engaged in farming; Maggie, born May 20, 1865, married R. C. Berkey, proprietor of "Coffiin's House," at Kersey's, Elk county.

George J. Smith was born Jan. 10, 1846, on the farm in Red Bank township, Armstrong county, where his son, Jerry T., now lives, and was also reared there. He was given a good education in the common schools of the day. When a young man he was engaged in lumbering, afterward devoting his attention to farming and stockraising, in which he was very prosperous. He improved his farm and kept his property in excellent condition, being noted for his practical and systematic methods. His tract of 145 acres was one of the most valuable farms in the township, not only well improved on the surface, but underlaid with coal, limestone and firebrick clay. Mr. Smith served six years as supervisor of Red Bank township. In politics he was a Republican.

On Dec. 25, 1880, Mr. Smith married Saville C. Wise, and they had four children, born as follows: Jerry T., Oct. 7, 1881; James P., June 12, 1883; Maggie Armelda, April 9, 1885 (died Dec. 4, 1896); and Wavie Isola, March 3, 1893. The last named was educated in the Turkey Run school, and on March 11, 1914, was married to Sydney Clyde Yost, a miner by occupation, who was born June 24, 1888, in Putneyville, Armstrong county, son of George Washington and May H. (Rose) Yost, of Putneyville. Mr. Sydney C. Yost is a member of the Putneyville Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 735, and a member of the M. E. Church at that place, to which his wife also belongs.

George J. Smith, the father of the above family, died May 10, 1901. His widow is now a member of the Evangelical Church of Mount Oliver, Pennsylvania.

Jerry T. Smith was educated in the Turkey Run school in Red Bank township, which he attended until seventeen years old. He worked for his father until the latter's death, after which he and his brother James conducted the farm in partnership until August, 1912, when Jerry bought his brother's interest, becoming the sole owner of the farm. It comprises 144 acres, seventy-five of which are under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Smith is operating the farm on the business-like methods followed by his father before him, and is taking his place among the leading farmers of the township. He is a Republican in political connection but not active in party or public affairs. He is a member of the Evangelical Church of Mount Oliver.

James P. Smith, born June 12, 1883, received his education in the Turkey Run school, and remained on the farm until Jan. 3, 1910, when he went to Kittanning. There for several months he was engaged in mining fire clay, on Oct. 3d of that year moving to Putneyville, Armstrong county, where he followed mining and remained until April 1, 1912. Then he returned to the farm for several months, in August, 1912, selling his interest in the property to his brother Jerry, and returning to Putneyville, where he bought town property, eight lots, and is engaged in mining. He is a member of Putneyville Lodge, No. 735, Odd Fellows, in which he has passed all the chairs; he also served four terms as recording secretary, and in September, 1913, was elected representative to the grand lodge. He also belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church at that place. In politics he is a member of the Washington party. On Nov. 24, 1909, he married Olive G. Schrecengost, daughter of Levi and Polly Ann (Schaffer) Schrecengost, and they have had three children, born as follows: Leona Pearl, June 10, 1910; Vernon Edward, Oct. 8, 1911; and Belva Lucile, March 26, 1913. Mrs. Smith is also a member of the M. E. Church.

Jonas Wise, father of Mrs. George J. Smith, was born May 11, 1821, in Dauphin county, and died April 29, 1894. His father, John Wise, was a blacksmith of Dauphin county, where he and his wife, whose maiden name was Bordner, are buried. They had children as follows: Adam, George, Daniel, Jacob, Jonas, Elias, Catherine, Hannah and Tina.

Jonas Wise received his education in the schools of Dauphin county. In 1864 he moved

to Red Bank township, Armstrong county, and settled near Little Mudlick, buying a tract of sixty acres, where he carried on genral farming. He was twice married, first to Sarah Fite, who was born Dec. 28, 1823, in Dauphin county, and died in November, 1864, in Little Mudlick, Armstrong county. Her father was John Fite and her mother's maiden name was Will. Five children were born to this marriage: Samuel, deceased, who married Mary Kunselman, lives at Langville, Jefferson county; Jerry is unmarried; Isaac F., who married Annie Mohoney, lived for a time at Elmira, N. Y., has returned to New Bethlehem, Clarion county, in October, 1913; Emma Jane married John Schaffer, of Red Bank township; Savilla C. is Mrs. Smith. Jonas Wise married for his second wife Elizabeth Lankard, daughter of John and Margaret (Anderlive) Lankard, and to them were born three children: John, who married Caroline Barr; Jacob, twin of John, who has been three times married, his first wife being Annie Hinterliter, his second Mrs. London, his third Martha; and Lettie Fiana, wife of James Wilson Nolf, of Fairmount City, Clarion county. John and Jacob Wise are both ministers of the gospel. Jonas Wise and his two wives are buried at New Salem, in Red Bank township. In politics he was originally a Democrat, but afterward became a Republican. He was a member of the Evangelical Church at Little Mudlick.

ARCHIE F. RAIRIGH, carpenter and contractor of Cowanshannock township, was born in that township, on a portion of the farm where he now resides, March 16, 1852, a son of William and Elizabeth (Knisley) Rairigh.

William Rairigh was born in 1796, in Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, and became a pioneer of what is now Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, Pa., Here he cleared and improved a homestead, a portion of which is owned by his son Archie F., and died upon it in 1878, in his eighty-third year. He married twice, his first wife being Barbara Brilhart, who bore him three children: Lavina, who married George Mealey; Moses, and Jesse. By his second marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth (Knisley) Zimmerman, born in Bedford county, Pa., he had four children: Catharine, who married George Clark; William K.; Solomon A. and Archie F. By her first marriage Mrs. Elizabeth Rairigh had three children: Elias; Esther, who married Robert Martin; and John.

Archie F. Rairigh was reared on his father's homestead and sent to the public schools of the neighborhood. When only eighteen years old, in 1869, he began his business career as a painter, and followed that trade for fifteen years, in 1885 commencing to work as a carpenter. His business grew to such an extent that since 1892 he has been devoting himself to contracting and building, and with the exception of three years, when he was at Pittsburgh and Vandergrift, he has spent his life on the old homestead. Among other important contracts he has carried out have been the following: The erection of the Presbyterian church at Rural Valley in 1892; the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Yatesboro; the Appleby Manor church, near Ford City, in 1891, and the reconstruction of the same edifice in 1908; the building of the Baptist church of East Franklin township in 1893; the carpenter work on the Sagamore public school building in 1906 and the Scotdale public school building in Cowanshannock township in 1911; the designing of the public school building in Rural Valley in 1911; the designing and erection of the Rural Valley National Bank building in 1911, one of the best bank buildings in the county; as well as other work of less importance.

In 1875 Mr. Rairigh married Catherine Nichols, daughter of Charles and Lidy (Forsythe) Nichols, of Pine township, this county. They have had children as follows: Winona, who married Charles McKinley; Lenora, who married Ralph McKenny; Lawrence; Lucretia, who is deceased; Esmerelda, who married Woodford Rankin; Delcy B., who married Harry Gilmore, and Ruby M., who married George Keys. Mr. Rairigh is serving his second term as overseer of the poor of Cowanshannock township. In politics he is a Republican. In every relation of life he has proved himself a man of the highest integrity and his success has been attained along legitimate lines.

WILLIAM M. KNEPSHIELD has been a lifelong resident of Burrell township, where he owns a fine farm of 200 acres. His family is of German origin, his great-grandfather, Barnhard Knepshield having been a native of Germany. He belonged to a fine family, and was educated for the Catholic priesthood, but the church did not appeal to him and he left it, becoming a Lutheran. While still young he came to America, and he served the Colonial cause as a surgeon during the Revolution, after which he went to Porto Rico, practicing surgery there for a few years. From there

he returned to the United States, living in South Carolina for some time, and later in York county, Pa., where he died at an advanced age, universally respected. He never went back to Germany to claim his share of the estate to which he was entitled. His great-grandson, William M. Knepshield, still has the case in which he carried his instruments. His papers were destroyed in a fire at Leechburg which burned the residence of his daughter Susanna, wife of John Knepshield. Dr. Knepshield spoke seven languages.

John Knepshield, son of Barnhard, had a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters, Samuel, George, Catherine, John, Lany, Susanna, Jacob and Michael.

Samuel Knepshield, son of John and father of William M. Knepshield, was born March 29, 1818, in York county, Pa. After living two years in Ohio he came to Westmoreland county, Pa., where he remained a few years, thence moving to Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong Co., Pa. He made his home there for twelve years, during which time he married, at the end of that period moving to Kittanning township, where he lived for seven years. Moving back to Kiskiminetas township, he resided there for eighteen months, and then settled in Burrell township, on the farm now occupied by his son William. He died July 6, 1884. In 1840 he married Mary Ann Remaley, of Kiskiminetas township, who was born in June, 1823, one of the nine children (four sons and five daughters) born to Anthony and Lydia (Naley) Remaley of that township. Mrs. Knepshield died in 1904, aged eighty-one years.

William M. Knepshield was born on the old farm in Burrell township June 26, 1862. He has been a very successful farmer, and his valuable property, which comprises 200 acres, is in excellent condition under his efficient management. Grain, hay and stock are his principal products. His interest in public affairs has led him to take some part in the local government, and he has served as constable and for several terms as school director.

On June 5, 1884, Mr. Knepshield married Emma Pierce, of Plum Creek township, daughter of James and Sarah (Harrold) Pierce, both of whom are deceased. Seven children, one son and six daughters, have been born to this marriage: Essie Jane, born Dec. 17, 1885, married Charles Davis, of Burrell township, who is now employed by the Westinghouse Company at East Pittsburgh, and has one child; Mary Wilmina, born Sept. 22, 1887, married Charles Peters, of Burrell township, a farmer, and has two children, one son and one daughter; Cora Edna was born July 3, 1890; Emma Adelaide, Oct. 14, 1893; Thelma, Jan. 12, 1896; Anna Mabel, Oct. 8, 1899 (died aged eleven years); William Harold, April 7, 1903.

Mr. Knepshield and his family are members of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Brick Church, and he has served faithfully as deacon, secretary and treasurer. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., belonging to Lodge No. 1076, of Elderton.

WILLIAM LESLIE, of the firm of Leslie & Gibson, dealers in men's furnishings, clothing and shoes, and mayor of the city of Parker, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born at Parker Dec. 4, 1879, son of Dr. Henry and Catherine (Griffin) Leslie.

The Leslie family is Scotch and many of the name came to America prior to the Revolutionary war. There is proof that many Leslies served in the patriot army, one of whom became a high ranking officer.

Dr. Henry Leslie was born at Mauch Chunk, Pa., and there married Catherine Griffin, who was born in the city of Boston. In 1868 they came to Parker City, where Dr. Leslie successfully practiced medicine until 1883, when he died at the age of fifty years. His widow and three children still survive, the latter being: Thomas G., who is a lawyer in practice at Bristol, Pa., and also at Philadelphia; and Josephine and William, both of whom reside at Parker City.

William Leslie was reared in his native place and attended the public schools. His business life began as a clerk in the clothing and men's furnishings line at Parker, in 1898, and he continued therein until 1905, when he became a member of the firm of Leslie & Co., which style continued until July 24, 1911, when the firm became Leslie & Gibson. This firm carries a fine line of goods, and the house is one of the progressive, up-to-date business concerns of the place, enjoying a large trade. The firm stands high both in its own line and with the public.

William Leslie married Jennie E. Palmer, daughter of George and Mary (Daly) Palmer, of Parker City, and one son of that marriage survives, William George. Mr. Leslie subsequently married (second) Bertha Watt, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Timlin) Watt, of Edenburg, Clarion Co., Pa. Mr. Leslie is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Politically he is a Democrat, and in December, 1911, entered upon his duties as

mayor of Parker City, to which office he was elected in the preceding month, for a term of four years. Mayor Leslie is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and belongs also to the order of Eagles, both at Parker City.

JAMES D. CLARK, fruit grower and farmer in Gilpin township, Armstrong county, was born in Kiskiminetas township, this county, April 20, 1868, a son of Jacob W. Clark and a grandson of Henry Clark.

Henry Clark was for many years a farmer in Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, and died there when aged seventy years. He married Magdalina Knepshield, and they had the following children: Susanna, George W., Jacob W., John K., Martha, Mary, Nancy, Margaret, Ida and Henry.

Jacob W. Clark, son of Henry, was born Aug. 21, 1847, on the old farm of his parents, where he grew to manhood. He has engaged in farming all his life, and resides on his valuable estate of ninety acres, which is situated in Parks township. He is a well known and respected man, and is at present serving as supervisor of his township. He married Catherine A. Shutt, daughter of Michael Shutt, of Spring Church, Armstrong county, and they have five sons: James D., Harry M., Grover C., Allen C. and William J.

James D. Clark was reared on the home farm and attended the country schools until he was sixteen years of age, when he went to Parsons, Kan., remaining there one year and returning to the homestead after this glimpse of western life. When twenty-one years old he began farming for himself and remained twelve years in Burrell township, moving from there to his native township, in which he lived for seven years. In 1906 he bought the Capt. Henry Truby farm in Gilpin township, containing 104 acres, and has developed into one of the foremost fruit growers in western Pennsylvania. He has orchards of choice varieties covering twenty-three and a half acres of his valuable farm, and to this industry he gives constant personal attention. His success along this line has made him well known, and he is looked upon as an authority in everything concerning the raising of fruit. During the harvest seasons he gives employment to quite an army of men and boys and during the blossoming season his fruit farm, just one mile east of Leechburg, is a scene of beauty that attracts many admiring visitors.

Mr. Clark married Anna Remaly, a daughter of W. R. Remaly, and they have six children: Charles J., Howard E., Ada E., Robert H., James E. and Lawrence D. Mr. Clark and family are members of the Hebron Lutheran Church at Leechburg. He casts his vote with the Democratic party, but takes no part other than a good citizen's interest in political matters.

DAVID WOLFF, grocer of Oak Ridge, is one of the leading citizens of that village. He was born in Washington township, Armstrong county, March 27, 1857, son of Solomon and Catherine (Christman) Wolff, both also natives of Washington township.

David Wolff, his grandfather, was one of the early settlers in Washington township, where he owned two hundred acres of land along the Allegheny river, opposite Mahoning. He cleared a large part of it, and died there at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife was Polly Henry, and their children were: John; Jacob; Absalom; Daniel; Sarah, who married Benjamin Leasure; Betsey, who married Frederick Christman; Polly; Andrew, and Solomon.

Solomon Wolff, father of David, was a farmer, and died on the old Wolff homestead, Jan. 11, 1864. His wife, who was Catherine Christman, died a few years previous. She was the daughter of John and Ann (Christman) Christman, pioneers of Washington township. Solomon and Catherine Wolff had four children, viz.: Sarah (deceased), David, John Wesley, and Catherine (deceased).

David Wolff was born and reared in Washington township, where he attended the common schools, and began life as a farmer. Later he engaged in coal mining. He resided in Washington township until June, 1882, when he moved to Oak Ridge in Red Bank township, where he has since resided, and he engaged in mining for thirty years after coming here. He also conducted a barber shop, and July 1, 1912, embarked in the grocery business at Oak Ridge, in which he is meeting with gratifying success.

On Dec. 25, 1877, Mr. Wolff married Jennie, daughter of Michael and Mary J. (Wolf) Fink, of Washington township, and granddaughter of Michael and Margaret (Early) Wolf, who were pioneer settlers of Pine township. Her maternal great-grandfather, Andrew Early, was a pioneer of Pine township, where he took up a large tract of land and where he died. A part of this tract is still owned by his descendants.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wolff were the parents of four children: Pearl, wife of Rolston

Doverspike; Mary Willa; Jay Edwin, and Violet Ethel. Mrs. Wolff has conducted a millinery store at Oak Ridge since 1894, and has an excellent trade. The family are members of the M. E. Church at Oak Ridge, and Mr. Wolff is a member of New Bethlehem Lodge, No. 725, I. O. O. F., of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, and of the United Mine Workers. He is one of the school directors of Red Bank township, and served two terms as assistant assessor. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

Mr. Wolff and Mr. A. H. McArmich were the founders of the M. E. Church at Oak Ridge. As treasurer of the congregation, all the material used in its construction was charged to Mr. Wolff, and the responsibility was a hard one. It is now entirely paid for and one of the finest churches in the county. Mr. Wolff is one of those energetic men who accomplish all they undertake to do, and do it well. He is public-spirited and has made himself valuable as a citizen and office holder in his township and county.

PHILIP F. HILLWIG, a farmer of Brady's Bend township, Armstrong county, was born in that township Nov. 25, 1874, son of John C. Hillwig.

The father was born in Germany, whence he came to Brady's Bend township in young manhood. Here he married a girl by the name of Merchant and had three children, William, Lewis and John, all of whom are still living, William at Greensburg, Pa.; Lewis at East St. Louis, Ill.; John at Mt. Pleasant, Pa. His wife having died Mr. Hillwig again married, his second wife being Mrs. Harriet (Parker) Long, of Brady's Bend, the widow of George W. Long, who was killed in the Civil war. She had two children by Mr. Long who are living, Lyman L., of Braddock, Pa., and Mrs. Hattie Stewart, of Karns City, Pa. Mr. Hillwig had four children by his second wife, all of whom are living: George N., at Los Angeles, Cal.; Samuel P., at Kaylor, Pa.; Philip F.; and Aaron Roy, at Karns City, Pa. The father died April 22, 1908, at the age of seventy-six years. The mother survives and makes her home with her son-in-law, Archie Stewart, who lives on the old homestead. During nearly all his active life Mr. Hillwig was a miner. Fraternally he was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania.

Philip F. Hillwig grew up in his native township, attending school there, and then for four or five years worked as a carpenter and painter at Rankin, Pa. Returning to Brady's Bend, he was there for ten years engaged in lumbering, owning a complete outfit and giving employment to seven men. He still owns sixty acres of timberland in Fairview township, Butler Co., Pa., as well as a 150-acre farm in Brady's Bend township, which is conveniently located three-quarters of a mile northwest of Kaylor on the new road between Kaylor and Karns City. Mr. Hillwig put up his present excellent buildings and developed his farm considerably. It was a property that had not been operated for thirty years and was known as the Jameson farm. Some idea of the extent of Mr. Hillwig's operations can be gained from the fact that he employs ten men and carries on general farming.

In 1901 Mr. Hillwig was married to Olive Flick, who was born in Toby township, Clarion Co., Pa., daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Flick, residents of the above named township. Mr. and Mrs. Hillwig have had four children: Harold, who was born at Swissvale, Pa.; and Iva, Edna and Adel, who were all born in Brady's Bend township.

Fraternally Mr. Hillwig belongs to the Odd Fellows at Kaylor, the Knights of Pythias at Brady's Bend, and the Encampment at Chicora, but has held no offices therein. He also belongs to the Grange, of which he is now secretary, and has been the local chairman for two terms. The Baptist Church holds his membership and he is now serving it as treasurer. Politically he is a Republican, and has been auditor of his township. A man of progressive ideas, he has forged ahead, and is now considered one of the leading farmers of his locality.

THOMAS M. KLINGENSMITH, a farmer of Gilpin township, Armstrong county, was born in that township Jan. 28, 1854, a son of Henry W. and Esther (Myers) Klingensmith. His paternal great-grandfather, who came to western Pennsylvania from Germany, was the founder of the family in this country.

Adam Klingensmith, son of the founder, was born in 1804, and died in 1871. He settled in what is now Parks township, Armstrong county, Pa., where he owned a farm of sixty acres, operating it in conjunction with hewing timber for barns. His remains are interred at the Forks Church, in Gilpin township. His wife Jennie (Shoop) was born in 1809, and died in 1876. Their children were: David, who went West; Henry W.; Abraham, of Armstrong county; Adam, who

went West, and Peter, of Armstrong county.

Henry W. Klingensmith was born in Allegheny (now Parks) township, this county, in 1829, and developed from a carpenter into a contractor and lumber dealer. During his useful life he became a well-known man, one whose honesty was proverbial. His death occurred at Leechburg, Pa., May 30, 1910, when he was eighty-one years of age, and his remains lie in the Forks cemetery. His first wife, Esther Myers, born Feb. 20, 1832, died July 9, 1868, the mother of the following named children: Susanna, deceased; Thomas M.; Leanda, who married William S. Miller; Aaron, deceased; Philip, of Westmoreland county; Jeremiah, of Gilpin township; Winchester, of Gilpin township; Margaret, who married Philip Brothers; and Laban, who was killed by a train. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Klingensmith married (second) Sina Craig, born Nov. 28, 1834, who died Nov. 8, 1903. By this marriage he became the father of four children: Augustus J., of Leechburg; Clarissa, of Leechburg; a daughter that died in infancy; and Henry, of Leechburg. Mr. Klingensmith's third marriage was to the widow of Finley Shuster, and she survives, making her home at Leechburg. There were no children by the third union. Mr. Klingensmith belonged to that high class of men whose sense of honor was so strong that their verbal promise was accepted as another man's written bond would be. During the years he lived in Parks township he made his influence felt, always directing it toward securing the betterment of existing conditions, and a general moral uplift. His loss was deeply felt in the community in which he had spent his life.

Thomas M. Klingensmith attended Mt. Joy school No. 7, in Gilpin township, until he was sixteen years old, when he left to devote all of his attention to helping his father in his various undertakings, thus securing a thorough training and laying the foundation for a life of useful endeavor. When he was twenty-six years old he married, and leaving the parental roof began teaming for Kirkpatrick & Co., at Leechburg, who conducted the rolling mill there. For ten years he continued in this line, the last eighteen months being labor boss. Having secured valuable experience and connections he embarked in business for himself, and for a quarter of a century operated a flourishing teaming business. Preferring to spend the remainder of his life on a farm, he bought his present property in Gilpin township, moving upon it in 1907. It is a beautiful farm, located along the Kiskiminetas river, following the line of Parks township. The property consists of fifty-seven acres of valuable land, and is underlaid with fine soft coal, which Mr. Klingensmith has sold. He raises peaches and apples, having a magnificent orchard, and sells in the Leechburg markets, which he attends personally, and where he is one of the best known dealers.

On Jan. 19, 1878, Mr. Klingensmith was married to Annie M. Shaner, daughter of John Shaner, of Parks township. They have the following children: Homer W., of Leechburg, employed at the steel mill; John T., of Gilpin township, also employed at the steel mill, at Hyde Park, and Levern S., who is at school.

Mr. Klingensmith is a Republican, but has never entered public life. The Lutheran Church holds his membersrip, and he is active in the Sunday school. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows, being past grand of his lodge and prominent in the encampment. In everything he has undertaken Mr. Klingensmith has proved himself a man of resource, quick to take advantage of opportunities as presented, and he is justly numbered among the leading men of Gilpin township.

JAMES E. CLAYPOOLE, manager and superintendent of the Buffalo Woolen Mills, at Worthington, Pa., was born in 1850, in West Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Pa., a son of James and Mary J. Claypoole, grandson of George Claypoole and great-grandson of James Claypoole.

James Claypoole was born near Philadelphia, Pa., and at a very early day endeavored to establish a home in Manor township, Armstrong county, but was driven away by the Indians. Some years afterward he returned to Manor township and was one of the early settlers, seeing much hardship but successfully defending himself and family from further Indian attacks.

George Claypoole, son of James, was born in Armstrong county and his life was spent in agricultural work. He married a member of the Campbell family, and they had the following children: James, George, Abraham, Joseph, Margaret, Rebecca, Mary Ann, and Lucretia. George Claypoole died in the year 1858, at the age of ninety-two years.

James Claypoole, son of George and father of James E. Claypoole, was born and reared in Armstrong county and followed the peaceful life of a farmer. He was a man of sound

judgment and at times was elected to township offices. His first marriage was to Jane Sloan, who died without issue, and his second union was with Mary J. Black. Five children were born to them, namely: James E., George H., Maggie A., John S. and Mary E. The father of the above family died in 1883, and the mother in 1896. They were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church.

James E. Claypoole attended the local schools, the Slate Lick high school and the Worthington Select School, after which he accepted a clerical position in the store of W. F. Rumberger, of Craigsville, and remained there for one year. From 1873 until 1886 he was a clerk in the store of Graff & Firth, of Buffalo Mills, and then was promoted to manager, at which time he became a stockholder as well as superintendent of the Buffalo Woolen Mills, as stated above. These mills were established in 1865. The product up to 1888 was largely flannels and stocking yarns; since then the main product has been wool bed blankets, which are in great demand today, having won their way through the excellence of their manufacture. The business is in a prosperous condition.

In 1877 Mr. Claypoole was married to Sarah E. Morrison, daughter of John C. Morrison, of Worthington, Pa., and they have six children, as follows: Mary Belle, who is the wife of Dr. Maxwell; Margaret F., who is the wife of James Rayburn; John N.; James A., who married a Miss Boarts; Greta, and Samuel. For forty-five years Mr. Claypoole has been an active member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been a trustee for more than forty years and a teacher in the Sunday school for over twenty years. He has been a member as well as the leader of the choir ever since he united with the church, in 1868.

ISAAC E. SHUMAKER, of Madison township, Armstrong county, is one of the best known men in the northern part of Armstrong county, and a prominent representative of a substantial old family which has been settled in that section for a century. He is a great-grandson of John Shumaker, a native of Germany, who came to America some time before the Revolution with six brothers, Solomon, Adam, George, Simon, Samuel and Daniel. George was the founder of another well-known branch of the family in western Pennsylvania. They settled first in Loudoun county, Va., whence John Shumaker came to Westmoreland county, Pa., about 1770. He purchased and cleared a large tract of land in Franklin township, making a permanent home on that place, where he died. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, in the American army, and also served during the Indian troubles in western Pennsylvania. His death was caused by injuries he had received during his army service. His wife was Mary Ann Baker, and they had two sons and three daughters, the sons being Philip and John.

Philip Shumaker, eldest son of John and Mary Ann (Baker) Shumaker, was born Jan. 25, 1784, in Westmoreland county, Pa., and died April 10, 1860. In 1814 he settled in what is now Mahoning township, Armstrong county (his brother John coming later), taking up 400 acres of land near Oakland, 200 acres of which he sold in 1824 to a favorite cousin, Phillip Shumaker; he cleared and improved the 200 acres he retained, making a fine homstead, upon which he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there. He married Elizabeth Rose, who was born Nov. 18, 1790, and survived him, dying June 12, 1863. George Rose, her father, was born near Murrysville, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and was a farmer and hotel-keeper. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker, as follows: Mary, born April 14, 1812, married Adam Smith, and died in 1887; John was born Oct. 22, 1813; Sarah, born Jan. 5, 1815, died young; Joseph, born April 9, 1819, was a minister of the German Baptist Church; Isaac was born July 27, 1821; Philip, was born March 2, 1825; Susanna, born July 20, 1827; married Robert Ferguson; Elizabeth, born May 17, 1831, married M. N. Hetrick; Samuel, was born March 12, 1834. The father was a Whig in politics until 1856, when he became a Republican. He was a member of the German Baptist Church.

Joseph Shumaker, son of Philip, was born April 9, 1819. By purchase he acquired 100 acres of his father's original homestead and passed all his days on that place, dying there in December, 1860, at the comparatively early age of forty-one years. For twenty years he was a minister of the German Baptist Church, and he was one of the most respected citizens of the township in his day. He married Catherine Baughman, and they had a family of twelve children, six of whom grew to maturity: Hannah, who was twice married, first to Peter Kimmel and later to Dr. Richard T. Pollard; Isaac E; David; Maria, who married Jacob Kimmel; Elizabeth, deceased; Levi, deceased; Adam, deceased; Solomon T.;

Daniel L.; John, deceased, and two who died in infancy.

Isaac E. Shumaker, son of Joseph and Catherine (Baughman) Shumaker, was born April 18, 1843, in what is now Mahoning township, where he was reared and educated. Since 1864 he has been a resident of Madison township. He cleared the larger part of the farm he owns and occupies, and made all improvements which so materially add to its worth, erecting buildings, and cultivating the place in the up-to-date manner which characterizes all he undertakes. He also cleared the land where the town of Deanville now stands. For years he was one of the leading business men of that place, having a general merchandise store there for thirty-five years, and acting as postmaster at that place for the long period of twenty-nine and a half years. Meantime, for two and a half years, he owned and conducted a store near Edenburg, Clarion county, during the oil excitement. From the fall of 1865 to the fall of 1869 he was heavily interested in the huckster business, shipping to Pittsburgh, and kept several teams busy hauling his produce to the station. This was during the building of the low-grade division of the Allegheny Valley railroad and later at St. Charles (then Leatherwood). For sixteen years, from his own property of 100 acres and leased land adjoining, Mr. Shumaker was engaged in shipping fire clay to Rochester and Sharon, Pa., and Massillon and Newburg, Ohio, and during that time he also shipped iron ore to Kittanning, Pa. In 1900 he organized the Clarion Fire Brick Company, of which he is president, and the works, at St. Charles, Pa., consume sixty tons of fire clay per day, in the manufacture of a superior grade of fire brick, used exclusively for steel furnaces. Mr. Shumaker has been at the head of this concern since its organization. It was his idea to drill gas wells to furnish gas for the operation of the plane, and the company now owns and operates eleven for that purpose, at a monthly expense of one thousand dollars. He is a man of vigorious mind, with the energy and ambition to carry out his projects successfully, and the substantial position he occupies in the business world has been gained by his own efforts. His tireless industry and executive ability have enabled him to accomplish much.

On April 21, 1864, Mr. Shumaker married Lucinda Shumaker, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Ringer) Shumaker, of Burrell township, this county, and they have had eleven children who reached maturity: Nettie, wife of William Walter; Burton; May, wife of Dr. William Rolston; L. Smith, a minister of the Baptist Church; Chalmer; Esther, wife of Ernest Kramer; Laura, deceased, who married Harry Diehl; Ernest, superintendent of the Clarion Fire Brick Works; Lillian, wife of George L. Goodhart; Albert L., and one that died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker are members of the Free Baptist Church at Deanville, which he serves officially as deacon He is a Republican in political sentiment.

SAMUEL SHEARER, a general blacksmith and justice of the peace of Sugar Creek township, Armstrong county, was born in East Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Pa., Oct. 26, 1850, a son of John Shearer.

John Shearer was born in South Buffalo township, this county, and grew up there, receiving a limited educational training and learning farming in all its details. He married Elizabeth Cornman, born in North Buffalo township, this county, daughter of George Cornman, who came from some point east of the mountains to Armstrong county. After their marriage, John Shearer and wife settled on the farm of one hundred acres owned by his mother, who was a widow, the father having died when John Shearer was a small boy. Later, however, John Shearer bought a farm of one hundred acres in East Franklin township, Armstrong county, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. At the time of his purchase this land was all woodland, but he developed it into a valuable farm, and was successful as an agriculturist. John Shearer and wife had children as follows: George, Isaiah, Annie, Andrew, Mary, John, Absalom, Sarah Jane, Samuel, Peter G., and Catherine (who died in infancy). Politically John Shearer was a Democrat, but he did not take an active part in public affairs.

Samuel Shearer, son of John Shearer, attended school in East Franklin township until he was seventeen years old, and then began learning blacksmithing. After completing his apprenticeship he located at Foster Mills, where he has since continued to reside. For twenty-four years he was postmaster at this point, continuing as such until the office was abandoned, mail now being delivered by the Star route.

In 1873 Mr. Shearer married Kate E. Kaufmann, a daughter of Henry Kaufmann, and the following children have been born to them: Maggie E. is deceased; John P., who married Cora Jenkins, resides in Sugar Creek township, where he is engaged in farming and

teaming; Harry resides at Ellwood City, Pa.; Nannie B. is the wife of Harry W. Rose, of Craigsville, Pa.; Jesse Lee, who married Effie Porterfield, resides in Sugar Creek township with his father; one son died in infancy.

In addition to working at his trade Mr. Shearer is also a farmer, owning four and a quarter acres of land and for a number of years renting 200 acres, all at Foster Mills. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Cowansville, the Encampment, I. O. O. F. at Kittanning, and the Knights of Malta at the same borough. Since casting his first vote, he has been a Republican, and he has served on the school board for twelve years, now being secretary of that body. Elected a justice of the peace for Sugar Creek township, he gave such satisfaction that he was reelected and is now serving his second term, which expires in 1914. The M. E. Church holds his membership and profits by his liberality, and there as elsewhere he is highly esteemed as an upright man.

JOHN H. LASHER, of Kittanning, painter and decorator, has been successfully engaged in that business in the borough for several years. He is a native of Washington township, this county, where the family has been established for several generations.

Benjamin Lasher, great-grandfather of John H. Lasher, came from east of the mountains and settled in what is now Washington township, Armstrong county, among the pioneers in that region. He owned about four hundred acres of land and there passed the remainder of his life. He was married before his removal to the county.

Abram Lasher, second child of Benjamin, was born east of the mountains, and passed practically all his life in Washington township. He received a common school education and followed farming all his life, becoming the owner of over two hundred acres in Washington township, where he settled after his marriage, and where he and his family made many improvements. He built a shop on the farm for blacksmithing and wagon repair work, in which he engaged until obliged to retire because of old age. He married Margaret Gould, a native of Madison township, this county, and to them were born a family of eight children, namely: Benjamin, Daniel, Abe, George, Nick, Johnston, William and Wyland, the last named being now the only survivor. The father died aged seventy-seven years, six months, fourteen days, the mother aged seventy-five years. both passing away on the farm, and they are interred in the Limestone cemetery on that property. Mr. Lasher was a member of the Church of God. In politics he was a Republican, and actively interested in the success of the party, though he never held any offices. Upon his death his son William inherited that part of the old homestead upon which the residence and buildings were located.

Wyland Lasher, son of Abram, was born March 4, 1850, in Washington township, Armstrong county, where he passed all of his active years. He received his education in the public schools there. He assisted his father greatly in the improvement of the old homestead, and he received fifty-nine acres of the northern part of that property, situated one mile north of Montgomeryville, in Washington township, upon which he erected buildings and engaged in general farming on his own account. Agricultural work was always his principal occupation, and he lived on the home property for almost sixty-three years, in October, 1912, retiring and moving to Wickboro, Kittanning, where he and his wife now have a comfortable home at No. 1033 Orr avenue. Since that time he has visited the homestead weekly. He has always devoted all of his time to his own affairs, never taking any active part in public life or holding office. Politically he is an independent Republican, and his religious connection is with the Church of God.

Mr. Lasher married Catherine Frick, daughter of Abraham and Delilah (Bowser) Frick, and granddaughter of Michael Frick, the Fricks being of German descent. Michael Frick came to Armstrong county from Westmoreland county about 1840, and bought a large tract of land, which he farmed, at the same time following his trade of blacksmithing. In 1854 he moved to Butler county, Pa., where he died in 1863. He was a prominent member of the M. E. Church, often allowing the use of his home for services, and as class leader led the meetings himself many times. Abraham Frick, Mrs. Lasher's father, was born in Butler county, Pa., and received his schooling there and in Armstrong county, becoming a well-known blacksmith of East Franklin township, this county, though he died at the early age of thirty-two years. He is buried at the Montgomeryville Baptist Church. His wife Delilah (Bowser), a native of Armstrong county, daughter of Abraham and Polly Bowser, died at the age of forty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Frick had a family of six children, four sons and two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Wyland Lasher became the parents of nine

children, all born in Washington township, namely: A. J., who lives in that township, married Minnie Croyl, and their children are Alma, Raymond, Gladys, Bertha, Alfred, Emmet and ————; James, who lives at Oakmont, married Martha Robinson; Cora is the wife of Ernst Holsour, and they reside on North avenue in Wickboro; Minerva is the wife of Ed. Shaffer; William married Anna Pugh, and they live at Kittanning; John H. resides at Wickboro; Maud is the wife of Ambrose Bowser; Lemuel is unmarried; Loran married Mary England, and they reside at Kittanning.

John H. Lasher, son of Wyland, was born June 29, 1886, near Adrian, in Washington township, where he was reared, obtaining his education in the common schools. He then went to Pittsburgh, where he learned the trade of painter, remaining in that city for four years. Then, in August, 1907, he came to Kittanning, where he has since been engaged as a contractor, his business headquarters being in the Heilman building. He employs from three to seven men, as the work requires, and has done some of the best work in the borough, including the decorating in the Steim hotel, all the street car work, the work in the new M. E. Church, and other important local contracts. He also had the painting and decorating of the Haskell building in East Brady, Pa. Mr. Lasher is a member of the union, and has the only union shop in Kittanning.

On Nov. 2, 1911, Mr. Lasher married Margaret Truitt, and they live at No. 618 Woodward avenue, Wickboro, where Mr. Lasher has erected a fine brick residence. They have one child, Humes, who was born in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Lasher attend the Reformed Church. He is a Republican in political questions, but not active in public affairs, and fraternally he belongs to the B. P. O. Elks and the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., at Kittanning.

Osceola T. Truitt, father of Mrs. Lasher, was born March 5, 1866, in Madison township, this county, son of Seth C. Truitt, and grandson of George W. Truitt. The latter's father was the pioneer family of this region, settling in Madison township, where George W. Truitt was born, one of a family of four children, namely: William, George W., David and James. George W. Truitt followed farming in Madison township until his death. He was a Baptist in religion, and a Republican in politics. He married Nancy Courson, and they became the parents of three children: Seth C., Alcinus G., and N. M.

Seth C. Truitt was an active business man, following iron mining and lumbering for some time, and later became a merchant at Truittsburg, Clarion Co., Pa., where he also was postmaster for years. He is still engaged in the business there. While a resident of Madison township, Armstrong county, he was engaged at ore digging and farming, moving thence to his present location. He married Mary Spangler, and they have had a family of seven children: Osceola T., Emery, Edward, Hoyt, Bruce, Elizabeth C., and Electa. The mother was a native of Center, Armstrong county, a daughter of Michael Spangler.

Osceola T. Truitt was but two years old when the family moved from Madison township, and he recived his schooling in Clarion county. In his young manhood he taught school there for six terms, after which he became weighmaster for the coal mine at Fairmount, that county, for some time. He was next engaged as a street car conductor, after which he became employed at the Elk Brewery, where he is now assistant brewmaster. He is a member of the Order of Moose, at Kittanning, and on political questions is a Republican, but he takes no part in party affairs. Mr. Truitt married Cora M. Humes, daughter of William and Margaret (Pemberton) Humes, the former of England and the latter of Scotland. They have had four children: Margaret, wife of John H. Lasher; Clyde Edw., who married Sarah Davis, and resides at Kittanning; Scott A., at home, and Jeannette D., at home. The family resides at No. 206 Queen street, Kittanning.

REV. GAETANO FEDERICI, late pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, at Yatesboro, Armstrong county, was born at Castelgrande, Italy, May 12, 1876, a son of Dr. Vincini and Angeline (Masi) Federici. Dr. Federici was a prominent physician of Castelgrande for many years.

Entering the Muro Lucano Seminary, Father Federici was educated there and was graduated therefrom, being ordained to the priesthood in 1900. Immediately thereafter he came to the United States, and was made assistant pastor of St. Casimir and Diana's Church at Punxsutawney, Pa., where he continued until the fall of 1904. In that year he was assigned to the parish of St. Mary's, at Yatesboro, and began to build up the church. In the years that he was in charge his parish increased from fifty families to two hundred, the growth being steady and healthy. Through his efforts the magnificent new church edi-

fice, which has a seating capacity of 350 people, was erected at a cost of $9,000, and in 1908 he built the parish house at a cost of $2,000. The church now has a membership of 1,500 souls.

Father Federici died in August, 1913. He was devotedly beloved in his congregation. A scholarly man, his knowledge of human nature and sympathies made him a wise guide for his charges, and won him the confidence and respect of all with whom he was brought into contact.

JAMES A. PATTERSON has passed all his life on the farm in Cowanshannock township, which he now owns and cultivates, having been born there Oct. 6, 1850, son of James and Nancy (McFeeters) Patterson. Both the parents were natives of County Donegal, Ireland.

John Patterson, grandfather of James A. Patterson, came to the United States with his family about 1835, stopping in Philadelphia for about two years before he settled in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, where he and his son James bought the farm now owned and occupied by James A. Patterson. Soon thereafter James Patterson purchased his father's interest in the property, and the latter bought sixty-seven acres adjoining. Both men cleared and improved their land, and John Patterson died on his property. He was the father of the following family by his first wife: James, John, Alexander and Robert. Marrying again after her death, he had six children: Daniel, Mary, Margaret, William, Thomas and Joseph.

James Patterson, son of John Patterson and father of James A. Patterson, devoted himself to the clearing of his land after taking possession of it, and died there at the age of eighty-seven years. His children were: Susan, who married Archibald O'Hara; Andrew; John, and James A.

James A. Patterson, son of James Patterson, was reared on the old homestead, where he has always lived. In 1875 he married Melissa Schrecengost, daughter of Emanuel and Mary (Hartman) Schrecengost, of Cowanshannock township, and of the children born of this marriage five are living: Bertha, who married Albert Stewart; John; Nannie, who married Howard Boyer; Claire, and Jane.

Mr. Patterson is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Rural Valley. He is a Democrat politically, and has been a member of the board of supervisors for several terms, being a capable and efficient official.

GEORGE W. JAMIESON, present supervisor of Rayburn township, Armstrong county, has lived at his home there since 1865, having come to this locality when a boy with his father, Cassillis Jamieson. His grandfather, Q. Jamieson, came to this country from Scotland, bringing his family, and they settled at Tionesta, Forest Co., Pa., where grandfather Jamieson followed farming the rest of his days. He was a quiet man, and though he sympathized with the Democratic party took no part in politics or public affairs and never aspired to office. He belonged to the Presbyterian Church. His children were Cassillis, Gilbert, William, John and Sophia.

Cassillis Jamieson was born in Scotland Feb. 2, 1811. He lived at Tionesta, Forest county, until his removal to Armstrong county in the spring of 1865, when he settled on the tract of 126 acres still occupied by his son George. The place was mostly in the woods at that time, and a small house and log barn were about the only improvements it could boast. Mr. Jamieson lived to see the whole tract cleared and under cultivation, and many improvements were made thereon in his time. He died Sept. 14, 1885. Like his father he was a Democrat in politics and a Presbyterian in religion. He never held any public position. On Sept. 10, 1840, he married Mary Shaw, who was born May 17, 1821, and died Sept. 23, 1902. Their children were born as follows: Catherine, Sept. 27, 1841; Quinton, March 16, 1843; John J., Aug. 22, 1846 (died July 19, 1848); Sophia, Dec. 31, 1844 (died July 25, 1848); Janet, May 9, 1848; Wilbur, May 23, 1850; James, Oct. 17, 1852; Robert, April 12, 1855; George W., Sept. 18, 1858.

George W. Jamieson, born Sept. 18, 1858, at Tionesta, Forest Co., Pa., passed his early life at his native place and came to Rayburn township, Armstrong Co., Pa., with his father in the spring of 1865. Here he has continued to make his home to the present time, engaged in farming. He has been an enterprising worker, and his well-directed labors have brought him prosperity. His land has been devoted to general farming, and the farm under his management has become a valuable piece of property. Mr. Jamieson takes an interest in the public welfare and does his share in looking after the affairs of the community, at present filling the office of supervisor. He is associated with the Democratic party in politics, and like the family in general has attended the Presbyterian Church.

In 1884 Mr. Jamieson married Harriet M.

Reed, who was born Nov. 1, 1859, and they have a family of six children, namely: Mary M., born June 15, 1885, is the wife of H. Stover, of Rayburn township, a railroad man, and has four children, George, Hattie, Clarence and Norman; James W., born Feb. 22, 1887, a resident of Rayburn township, married Elsie Lloyd, and has one child, George W.; Jennie C. was born Sept. 30, 1891; Leonard E., Feb. 19, 1894; Wayne E., June 17, 1896; and Clara A., Jan. 23, 1900.

SHUMAKER. The representatives of the Shumaker family are among the most respected residents of that section of Armstrong county comprising Mahoning township and the neighboring territory, where they have been settled for a century. These Shumakers are descendants of John Shumaker, a native of Germany, who came to America some time before the Revolution with six brothers, Solomon, Adam, George, Simon, Samuel and Daniel. George was the founder of another well-known branch of the family in western Pennsylvania. They settled first in Loudoun county, Va., whence John Shumaker came to Westmoreland county, Pa., in 1770. He purchased and cleared a large tract of land in Franklin township, making a permanent home on that place, where he died. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, in the American army, and also served during the Indian troubles in western Pennsylvania. His death was caused by injuries he had received during his army service. His wife was Mary Ann Baker, and they had two sons and three daughters, the sons being Philip and John.

Philip Shumaker, son of John and Mary Ann (Baker) Shumaker, was born Jan. 25, 1784, in Westmoreland county, Pa., and died April 10, 1860. In 1814 he settled in what is now Mahoning township, Armstrong county (his brother John coming later), taking up 400 acres of land near Oakland, 200 acres of which he sold in 1824 to a favorite cousin, Peter Shumaker. He cleared and improved the 200 acres he retained, making a fine homestead, upon which he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there. He married Elizabeth Rose, who was born Nov. 18, 1790, and survived him, dying June 12, 1863. George Rose, her father, was born near Murrysville, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and was a farmer and hotelkeeper. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker, as follows: Mary, born April 14, 1812, married Adam Smith, and died in 1887; John was born Oct. 22, 1813; Sarah, born Jan. 5, 1815, died young; Joseph, born April 9, 1819, was a minister of the German Baptist Church; Isaac was born July 27, 1821; Philip was born March 2, 1825; Susanna, born July 20, 1827, married Robert Ferguson; Elizabeth, born May 17, 1831, married M. N. Hetrick; Samuel was born March 12, 1834. The father was a Whig in politics until 1856, when he joined the Republican party. He was a member of the German Baptist Church.

Philip Shumaker, son of Philip and Elizabeth (Rose) Shumaker, was born March 2, 1825, in what is now Mahoning township, and was reared on his father's farm. He obtained his education in the subscription schools of the day, and then engaged in farming, to which he devoted himself throughout his active years except for a few years during which he operated a sawmill. In 1851 he purchased the farm of 200 acres on which he established his home (this property is now owned by the Shawmut Coal Company), and together with the land given him by his father he had 265 acres, all of which he cultivated. The land is underlaid with several workable veins of good coal. He was one of the most prosperous farmers of his time in the locality, and accumulated a fine estate, leaving each of his children a good farm. He died in 1904, at the age of seventy-nine years. Mr. Shumaker was a Republican, took some interest in the welfare of the party and was active in local affairs, serving his township as overseer of the poor. He and his family belonged to the German Baptist Church, of which he was deacon.

Mr. Shumaker married Lavina Schaffner, a daughter of Henry Schaffner, a native of Switzerland, who came with his father to Lycoming county, Pa., when thirteen years old, afterward removing to Clarion county and then to Jefferson county, where he died. Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker had ten children, eight sons and two daughters: Jeremiah, born Nov. 5, 1852, who was farming in Illinois at the time of his death; Margaret, born Jan. 16, 1854, who married Samuel Lankerd, a farmer, of Red Bank township, Armstrong county; Ross, born Aug. 20, 1855, a farmer of Mahoning township, who married Lottie Mowry; Monroe M., born April 9, 1859, who married Jane Prosious; Mary E., wife of Christopher B. Kimmel, a farmer of Armstrong county; Anderson, born Jan. 19, 1861, deceased; Ezra Z., born Feb. 20, 1863; Murray E., born June 10, 1865; Isaiah, born April 22, 1867, deceased, and Adam C., born April 30, 1868.

EZRA Z. SHUMAKER, son of Philip and Lavina (Schaffner) Shumaker, was born Feb. 20, 1863, in Mahoning township, where he has always resided, being now a well-to-do farmer of his district. He was reared on his father's homestead farm and received his education in the common schools of the locality. Farming has been his life work, and in 1910 he purchased the place of sixty acres upon which he now has his home. He has been a useful citizen, associated with the best interests of his community and active in township affairs, having served efficiently as supervisor and school director, two terms in each office. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a Baptist, belonging to the German Baptist Church at Red Bank.

Mr. Shumaker has been twice married. His first wife, Mary (Myers), of Westmoreland county, died, and he was married to Ola Brocious, daughter of Levi and Catherine (Shick) Brocious, of Ringgold township, Jefferson Co., Pa. To the second marriage have been born three sons: Roy M., Arthur D. and Carl O.

MURRAY E. SHUMAKER, son of Philip and Lavina (Schaffner) Shumaker, was born June 10, 1865, in Mahoning township, and was reared and educated there, passing his early life on the paternal homestead, the property now owned by the Shawmut Coal Company. After attending the common schools he began work at farming, which occupation he has always followed. His present farm, a tract of fifty-seven acres in up-to-date condition, he purchased in 1910, and even during the brief period of his ownership has made many improvements on the place in the way of buildings, cement walks, etc., the appearance of the property showing his interest and careful management. He is well known and respected in the locality, has served his fellow citizens as township clerk and school director, and has made a good record as an officeholder, doing his duty in the most public-spirited and faithful manner. In politics he is a Republican. He is an earnest member of the German Baptist Church, and holds the office of deacon.

On Oct. 10, 1891, Mr. Shumaker married Mary Peters, daughter of Jacob and Jane (Crawford) Peters, of Kittanning, Armstrong county, and they have a family of five children: Reed P., Paul, Harold, Ethel and Lillian.

ADAM C. SHUMAKER, son of Philip and Lavina (Schaffner) Shumaker, was born in Mahoning township, April 30, 1868, and has lived there all his life. He was given a common school education, attending in the home district, and was brought up to farming on his father's place and under his direction. In 1890 he bought the property of sixty-five acres upon which he has since made his home, and all the improvements in the line of buildings thereon have been made by him. The place is a credit to his industry and good judgment, and is under profitable cultivation, Mr. Shumaker being a typical member of the thrifty family to which he belongs. Like his brothers he has taken an active part in public affairs, having served as school director and clerk of his township, and he has shown himself to be a capable business man in everything he has undertaken.

On Oct. 31, 1891, Mr. Shumaker married Elizabeth Ankeney (her mother's name was also Elizabeth), of Plum Creek township, Armstrong county; her father entered the Union army during the Civil war, and died of typhoid fever while in the service. Three children, William Blair, Howard F. and Mabel Grace, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker. Both are members of the Church of the Brethren at Oakland. In politics Mr. Shumaker is a Republican.

FRANK H. McNUTT, engaged in the general real estate and insurance business, at Ford City, Armstrong county, was born at Fairmount City, Clarion Co., Pa., July 24, 1885, son of the late James F. and Margaret E. (Hamilton) McNutt.

James F. McNutt was born in Clarion county, Sept. 12, 1840. In early life he taught school at Madison Furnace and New Bethlehem, and in 1865 was appointed postmaster at the latter place, retaining the office for a number of years. Later he became a merchant there, but in 1878 went to Fairmount City to take charge of the Fairmount Coal Company's store. This responsible position was held by him for ten years, when he resigned to go into business for himself in that city. There he resided until 1898, when he moved to Ford City, having been appointed postmaster there. He was also justice of the peace for a number of years, both at New Bethlehem and Ford City, and in every walk of life proved himself an honorable, upright man and good citizen. In 1863 Mr. McNutt enlisted in Company K, 57th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, of which he was made second lieutenant, and served until the close of the war. The First Presbyterian Church of Ford City held his membership. On June 25, 1863, Mr.

McNutt was married to Margaret E. Hamilton, of Oakland, Pa., and five children were born to this union. Mr. McNutt died July 28, 1911, and was interred in the cemetery at New Bethlehem, the Masons having charge of the services, as he was a member of both the Blue Lodge (of New Bethlehem) and Chapter (of Brookville).

Frank H. McNutt attended public school at Fairmount City, and the public and high school at Ford City, graduating in 1903, following which he took a commercial course at Duff's Business college, Pittsburgh, from which he was graduated in 1904. Immediately thereafter he became stenographer with the Westinghouse Construction Company, remaining with this concern a year. He then became bookkeeper for the American Wall Paper Company, of Pittsburgh, for about a year, after which he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as clerk. After two years he was made bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Ford City, and on Nov. 1st, 1908, embarked in the real estate and insurance business there, in which lines he has established a large connection. In February, 1909, he was appointed notary public, and he is now registrar and recorder of vital statistics, and secretary of the board of health of Ford City. He belongs to the B. P. O. Elks Lodge, No. 203, at Kittaning, to Blue Lodge, No. 244, F. & A. M., and Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M., both of Kittanning, to the Independent Order of Americans at Ford City, and to Hose Company No. 1, Ford City, of which later organization he is treasurer. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership.

AARON H. KING, farmer, residing in South Bend township, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born June 19, 1853, in Kiskiminetas township, this county, son of Silas and Rebecca (George) King, and grandson of Thomas King.

Silas King and his wife were born in Pennsylvania, and both died on the family homestead in South Bend township, Armstrong county, the former in 1903 and the latter in 1911. They had six children, Aaron H. being the eldest of the family. He has two sisters, Mrs. John Findley, of Leechburg, Pa.; and Mrs. W. E. Trier, of South Bend. One brother, William, died in 1911. The father, Silas King, owned the farm of 100 acres on which he lived for many years in South Bend township. In politics he was a Democrat. He and his wife were members of the Reformed Church.

Aaron H. King attended the district schools with more or less regularity until he was about eighteen years of age, and after assisting his father for two more years, left home and became a coal miner, following the coal industry for twenty-five years. Prior to taking charge of the homestead he worked for five years in a restaurant at Wilkinsburg, Pa. His farm is an excellent property, and he has it under a fine state of cultivation and has very comfortable surroundings.

On June 24, 1877, Mr. King was married, at Conemaugh, Indiana Co., Pa., to Mary E. Foster, daughter of James Foster, and they had four children, Joseph, Norman and Mary still living. Mrs. King died in 1897, when Mary was only three years old. In politics Mr. King is a Democrat, as was his father, and he attends the Reformed Church.

W. M. BOYD, late of Freeport, justice of the peace and insurance agent, was born Oct. 18, 1834, in Armstrong county, Pa., son of John and Nancy (Monson) Boyd. The Boyd family moved from Westmoreland county, Pa., to Allegheny county, and then to Worthington, Armstrong county. The Monson family came from Scotland to Juniata county, Pa., at an early day.

John Boyd was born April 3, 1808, and his wife in 1811. They were the parents of ten children, of whom five survive. John Boyd held the office of justice of the peace for thirty-five years. By occupation he was a farmer, and he was well known in Armstrong county, living at Worthington until his death. He was a member and elder of the Presbyterian Church.

W. M. Boyd was the third child born to his parents. He attended common school and the Worthington (Pa.) Institute. Following this until his marriage he worked at a number of things, being clerk in a store and assistant postmaster at Worthington for two years. From 1861 to 1887 he was engaged in farming. Eventually Mr. Boyd removed to Freeport, where he was elected justice of the peace, holding that office at the time of his death, a few years ago. He took an active part in public affairs aside from his office, having been an enthusiastic Prohibitionist. He conducted a large fire insurance business, representing eleven reliable companies, so that he was prepared to write up risks in almost any of the old line concerns. The Presbyterian Church held his membership.

On April 3, 1860, Mr. Boyd was married, at White Rock, Juniata Co., Pa., to Helen McForeland, who is deceased. Five children were born to them, two of whom survive.

GEORGE W. SIMPSON, a lifelong resident and well-known farmer of Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, was born on the farm where he now resides, Aug. 21, 1857, son of David and Jane (Simpson) Simpson.

John Simpson, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Indiana county, Pa., and early became a pioneer in what is now Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, settling on the property now occupied by his grandson, George W. Simpson. At that time it was wild land, but he worked at its clearing and development all his active life, and in 1839 erected the substantial two-story brick house, the brick for which was made on the homestead.

The maternal grandfather, Isaac Simpson, was also a pioneer of Cowanshannock township.

David Simpson, son of John Simpson and father of George W. Simpson, was a carpenter by trade, but turned his attention to farming, which he followed until his death, which occurred when he was seventy years old. His children were: I. Newton, Augustus James, Mary Jane, Mary, George W., John C., William and Anderson.

George W. Simpson was reared on the old homestead, which has always been his home, and he has spent his life in agricultural pursuits. Recognizing the value of advanced farming, he has adopted many modern ideas in his work, and is known as a progressive and enterprising agriculturist. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, while politically, he is a Republican.

HARRY C. ELDER, of Parkers Landing, Armstrong county, has carried on his present store there since September, 1904, and at present is also is serving as constable of the Second ward. He is an industrious and progressive business man, and by strict attention to his various interests has prospered steadily. Mr. Elder was born in Perry township, Clarion Co., Pa., June 4, 1868, and is a son of Cyrus Reed Elder and a grandson of Thomas Elder.

Thomas Elder was of Scotch-Irish descent. He was one of the pioneer settlers in Perry township, Clarion county, and engaged in boating on the river. He was drowned in the Allegheny, falling from a raft at the mouth of the Mahoning. He married Catherine Adams, and of the large family born to them the following grew to maturity: William, Harvey, Cyrus Reed, Thomas, a soldier of the Civil war, who was killed at the battle of Harper's Ferry, in 1862; Eliza, who married James Stewart; Kate, Mrs. Morrison; Minerva, and Margaret, who married Daniel Frye.

Cyrus Reed Elder, son of Thomas, was born in Clarion county, Pa., and was reared there on a farm in Perry township. He learned the trade of blacksmith, at which he was employed in the railroad shops of Parker City and Foxburg for about a quarter of a century. For several years he owned and operated a ferry on the Allegheny river between Bear Creek Furnace and Perry township. He was a soldier during the Civil war, serving in the 103d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he enlisted in 1862. He took part in all the engagements of his regiment throughout the three years of his service, and was honorably discharged. Mr. Elder died Nov. 11, 1895, in his sixty-fifth year. He married Catherine Hydinger, who was born in eastern Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Catherine Hydinger, the former a native of Germany, who was a pioneer woodsman of Fryburg, Clarion Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Elder reared a family of nine children, viz.: Ella, who married Albert Reed; John; Elizabeth, who married Joseph Moore; Silas, deceased; Harry C.; Anna, who married Manton Patterson; Frank; Charles Edward, deceased, and Katie, who married Charles Smith.

Harry C. Elder attended the common schools of his native township. In his early teens he entered the employ of the Thomas A. Wightman Glass Company at Parker City, remaining with that concern for several years, and then went to Baltimore, Md., where he spent a year employed in the same line. He then became an employee of the Pittsburgh & Western Railroad Company, in their shops at Foxburg, Pa., where he continued for two years, after which he went west to Chicago, Ill., and for one year worked in the glass factory at Fortieth street and Wentworth avenue. The next six months he spent at Cygnet, Ohio, engaged in building tanks in the oil fields of that section. He then took a position as brakeman on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh road, and soon afterward became a fireman on that road. On March 6, 1889, he met with an accident which resulted in the loss of his left arm. In the fall of that year

he opened a billiard room in Parker, Armstrong, Co., Pa., and carried it on for five years. After that for one year he was engaged as pumper for the Indiana & Ohio Oil Company, at Marion, Ind., in 1904 returning to Parker City and opening up the store which he has since conducted. In addition to his store he has a profitable newspaper route in the city. By honorable business methods and constant attention to the wants of his customers Mr. Elder has gained a substantial place in the community and has held the respect of his fellow citizens in every association which has brought them into contact with him.

On Sept. 17, 1890, Mr. Elder married Minnie Blanch Varner, of Parker, and they have two children, Mary Ruth and Joseph C. Mr. and Mrs. Elder are members of the M. E. Church. He is a Republican in political connection.

ELMER J. MICKEY, proprietor of the Valley Mills, at Freeport, Armstrong county, is engaged in the manufacture of high-grade brands of flour. He is one of the best known millers in this section of Pennsylvania, having followed the business at various points, and he has gained his high position in the commercial world by ability, industry and the exercise of good judgment in his transactions. He is one of the substantial citizens of the borough, and occupies an honorable place among its most respected residents.

Mr. Mickey was born March 4, 1867, in Clearfield, Pa., son of Austin E. Mickey, of Ligonier, Pa., who married Polly McKinster, of Apollo, Pa. Austin E. Mickey had a common school education and learned the miller's trade when young. He worked at that all of his life, at different places, and in his later years was at Crooked Creek, Armstrong county, at the Walker Mill. He retired, and died at Hillville, Armstrong county, in March, 1910, aged eighty years. His wife died Jan. 1, 1912, aged eighty-three years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Mickey was a stanch Republican in his political views. Their children were: John, a miller, who died at Crooked Creek, Pa.; James, a miller, also deceased; William, a stonemason, deceased; Sadie, who married D. W. Keefer, and lives near Pittsburgh, Pa.; Elmer J.; Dorce C., a coal miner, living in Pennsylvania; Oscar, an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who was killed on that road in 1908, at Leechburg, Pa.; and Ford, who is in the coal business at Leechburg.

Elmer J. Mickey was given a common school education and learned the miller's trade of his father. For eight years he ran the mill at Apollo, Armstrong Co., Pa. Then he was at Saltsburg, Indiana county, for one year; at Markle, Westmoreland county, four years, and from there went back to Apollo for six months. On Oct. 6, 1898, he bought the Valley Mills at Freeport, where he has since been in business. His mill is well equipped and has a capacity of fifty barrels a day and only high-grade brands of flour are produced, "Valley Pride" and "Mickey's Best" being widely known for their superior qualities. Mr. Mickey also buys, sells and exchanges wheat, doing a business of considerable proportions in this line. He has built up one of the thriving establishments of the borough by his effective methods and good business policy.

In October, 1888, Mr. Mickey married Ida Garris, of Allegheny county, Pa., and they have one son, M. C. Mr. and Mrs. Mickey are members of the Presbyterian Church. They have a fine home in the borough, and his property holdings have become quite valuable.

THOMAS TURNER, farmer and dairyman, of Kiskiminetas township, was born March 7, 1872, in Pittsburgh, Pa., son of Gilbert and Georgiana (Chevers) Turner. The parents were natives of Somersetshire, England.

Gilbert Turner was a carpenter and contractor. Settling in Pittsburgh, he erected his family residence there at a cost of $700, on property now valued at $100,000. Here he died in 1896, but his widow survives, residing in Pittsburgh, now aged over eighty years. They were the parents of seven sons and one daughter, of whom five sons are living.

Until his seventeenth year Thomas Turner attended public school. He worked for the Pittsburgh Traction Company six years as a machinist. Then he and his brother Frank leased a farm in the vicinity of Oakland, which they conducted for fourteen years, afterward moving to what is known as the Muskrat farm. In conjunction with general farming the brothers embarked in the dairy business in 1890, and operated there extensively until Thomas Turner and another brother, Charles, came to Armstrong county and bought the large fruit farm of 365 acres near Springchurch, which they now conduct. There was a young orchard on the place, including 265 apple trees, and 500 peach and

pear trees, and there was a good peach crop in 1911. Mr. Thomas Turner occupies the beautiful, large residence on the farm, which commands a fine view. There is also a commodious barn on the property. The brothers are also conducting a dairy, keeping seventeen fine milch cows, and are contemplating branching out in this line as well as in fruit raising.

On July 12, 1896, Mr. Turner was married, in this county, to Mary Ellen Young, whose people were originally from Somersetshire, England. Three children have been born of this marriage: Georgiana and Daisy, twins, and Helen Louisa. Mr. Turner is a Republican, but not active in public life. He belongs to the Cedar Avenue Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

MILES HILEMAN, a farmer of Manor township, was born in Armstrong county in 1863, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Iseman) Heilman and grandson of Solomon Heilman, as the earlier generations spelled the name. He is a descendant of Peter Heilman (Sr.) and his wife Elizabeth (Harter). Solomon Heilman, who followed farming all his life, married Hannah Yount.

Alexander Heilman was born and reared in Armstrong county, and became extensively engaged in farming. His death occurred in 1909. To him and his wife were born ten children, namely: Sarah Jane, wife of Andrew Sheasley; Jackson; Park; Miles; Ada, wife of John Wolfe; Susanna, wife of Robert Fiscus; Millie, wife of William Hurtman; May, wife of William Miller; and Katie, wife of George Crownover. The parents of this family were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Miles Hileman attended the public schools of his native township, and was brought up amid agricultural surroundings. He has always been a farmer, and is now living on the old homestead.

In 1885 Mr. Hileman married Elmyra Kunkle, daughter of Jacob Kunkle, of Armstrong county. Nine children have been born of this marriage; Carrie, wife of William Cravenson; Dora, wife of Meriet Davis; Alexander; Tamer; Oldphrey; Elsie; Silvis; Lloyd Irin, and Laud. Mr. and Mrs. Hileman are members of the Presbyterian Church. The Heilman and Kunkle family are among the best known residents of Armstrong county.

LABANNA S. TOWNSEND, farmer of Kiskiminetas township, now practically retired from active labor, was born in Armstrong county, Oct. 9, 1839, son of William and Lizzie (Shoemaker) Townsend.

Isaac Townsend, his grandfather, was born in England in 1760, and came to America in 1775, locating in what is now Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong Co., Pa. There, in about 1780, he married Rachel King, by whom he had seven sons and three daughters. One of these sons was William Townsend.

William Townsend was born in Kiskiminetas township in 1800. When he was fifteen years old, he began learning blacksmithing with his father, and worked at his trade with his brother until his marriage. He then bought the homestead, afterwards purchased by George Townsend, brother of Labanna S. Townsend, and removed to it in the spring of 1829. For the remainder of his life he was engaged in farming, dying April 6, 1884, his widow surviving until Sept. 1, 1889. She was born in Pennsylvania. Politically, he was a Democrat. For many years, he was a member of the Lutheran Church at Maysville, and served it as deacon and elder. Of the children born to him and his wife but two are living, George and Labanna S.

Labanna S. Townsend attended the common schools until his twentieth year, and resided with his parents until his marriage, when he rented a farm for a short time. In 1865, he moved to Maysville and worked at his trade of carpenter for ten years, when, in 1871, he bought his present farm at Maysville, on which he has a good bearing orchard, the yield from which is very large. There are apples and other fruits, the grapes being especially good. Mr. Townsend has about retired from active pursuits. He is recognized as an honorable, upright citizen, and has the respect of all his townsmen. His vote is cast for the candidates of the Democratic party.

On Jan. 8, 1861, Mr. Townsend was married, in Kiskiminetas township, to Julia Armstrong, daughter of Clayton Armstrong, who located in Westmoreland county in 1845. Mr. Armstrong was a well known man in his day. Twelve children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, of which nine are now living: L. F., Flora, Emerson, Alva B., Lillie, Margaret, Flossy, Theodore and Roller.

JACOB DIEHL, retired business man and veteran of the Civil war, Parker's Landing, Pa., was born January 8, 1842, at Philadelphia, Pa., a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Feldtman) Diehl.

The parents of Jacob Diehl, of Parker's Landing, were born in Hesse Darmstadt, Ger-

many, and came to the United States in 1840, settling in the city of Philadelphia. There the father followed the tailor's trade and resided in the same city until his death, Feb. 14, 1854. His widow survived him but two weeks. The orphaned family consisted of five children: Catherine, now deceased, who was the wife of William Bull; John; Jacob; Elizabeth, who is deceased, was the wife of Harry Fetter; and Mary, who died after marriage.

Jacob Diehl attended the public schools of his native city anl then learned the cigarmaker's trade. At the outbreak of the Civil war he was one of the first young patriots to respond to the call of President Lincoln, enlisting on April 15, 1861, as a private in Co. D., 4th Bat., District of Columbia, at Washington, D. C., and served out his first term of enlistment and was honorably discharged July 17, 1861. On August 8, 1861, he re-enlisted, contracting to serve three years, or during the war, as a member of Co. R, 71st Pa. Vol. Inf. He took part in the battles of Ball's Bluff, Winchester, the engagements of the Peninsular campaign, the second battle of Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. At the last named place he was captured by the Confederates, July 3, 1863, and at first was incarcerated in Libby Prison, later was transferred to Salisbury, N. C., then was sent to Macon, Ga., to Charleston and finally to the military prison at Columbia, S. C. From that stronghold he managed to escape after thrilling adventures and on February 14, 1865, succeeded in reaching the Union lines, was provided with a horse and traveled with his comrades until March 15, 1865, when he was again honorably discharged. Once more he enlisted, on April 1, 1865, entering Co. H, 6th U. S. Vet. Vols., as first sergeant, a position he held but one day, being elected second lieutenant of Co. B, 7th U. S. Vet. Vols. After one more year of service he received his third honorable discharge, at Washington, D. C., in March 1866. At the time of capture he was first lieutenant of Co. C, 71st Vol. Inf. and during his imprisonment was elected captain of that company.

In 1866 Captain Diehl located at Titusville, Pa., where he opened a billiard room which he successfully conducted until 1871, when he removed to Parker's Landing and resumed the same business and continued until 1876, when he embarked in the hotel business and was proprietor of the Diehl Hotel, until 1889. His next business venture was the purchase of the opera house at Parker's Landing and for fifteen years he conducted it and it was known far and wide to the public as the Diehl Opera House. From 1896 until 1900 he was engaged in the oil business and since 1905 he has looked after his real estate interests. He is a member of Craig Post, No. 75, G. A. R., at Parker's Landing.

On February 14, 1867, Captain Diehl was married to Mary Fowler, a daughter of William and Harriet (Goodrich) Fowler, of Titusville, Pa. They have two children: Fannie, who is the wife of Patrick C. Ahern; and William C. D. In politics Captain Diehl is a Democrat and fraternally he is a Mason.

JAMES W. PATTERSON, farmer and dairyman, of Kiskiminetas township, was born Nov. 27, 1861, in Westmoreland county, Pa., a son of William and Ann (Billingsly) Patterson.

William Patterson was born in Ireland. By his first marriage he had three children: Martha Ellen, now Mrs. John McKey; Jane, now Mrs. Gartly, and George C. After the death of his first wife, he married (second) the mother of James W., a native of Pennsylvania, and she bore him ten children, six of whom survive: Sarah C., now Mrs. Kline; Margaret A., now Mrs. Gumbert; James W.; Thomas J.; Eliza, now Mrs. Young and Rachel J., now Mrs. R. C. George. The father was an early settler in Westmoreland county, and was one of those who helped to develop Westmoreland county from a forest to a fine farming region. He was an expert railsplitter, and was once pitted against a man weighing over 200 pounds in a contest as to the number of rails each could split in a day. The father won the prize, although he only weighed 150 pounds, beating his adversary by 150 rails. He died in Westmoreland county in 1903, his widow surviving until 1909. Both were members of the old Covenanter Presbyterian Church, and were very much interested in church work.

James Patterson attended public school until his twentieth year, and lived under the parental roof until he married. Following this, he resided on a rented farm for twelve years, when he moved to Armstrong county, in 1898, buying the sixty-eight acres he has since cultivated. It is one of the best fruit farms in this section, the apple orchard covering five acres, and his trees produce abundantly. He also raises a large variety of other fruit, including berries, and all his farm products are of the finest quality. He is also engaged in a dairying business, supplying milk to the mar-

ket, feeding twenty-seven fine milch cows.

On March 25, 1886, Mr. Patterson was married in Apollo, and eight children have been born of this marriage, five of whom are now living: Etha P., now Mrs. W. H. Jackson; James M.; Anna Mary; Sarah Elizabeth, and Wilda L. Mr. Patterson has always endeavored to give his children the best of educational advantages, and James M. attended agricultural college, Harrisburg, Pa., in order to supplement his practical knowledge of farming, with a scientific course in methods and theories. The family reside in a beautiful home on the Spring Church road, and the dwelling and farm are kept in first-class order.

JOHN E. AND MARK H. SNYDER, brothers, sons of John Snyder, are in the coal business under the firm name of the Snyder Brothers Coal Company, which supplies a considerable share of the local trade, for both manufacturing and domestic purposes, and operates a mine which was first opened about 1870.

John Snyder, the father, was born in Salem, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and now resides in Kittanning, Armstrong countly. He married Magdalena Shaffer, of Armstrong county, daughter of Anthony Shaffer of Cherry Run, Kittanning township, this county, and they became the parents of twelve children, six of whom, four sons and two daughters, live in Armstrong county. The mother died Sept. 3, 1811, and is buried at Homewood, in Bethel township, Armstrong county. Like her husband she was a member of the Baptist Church, and in politics he has always been a Republican. During the Civil war he served in Company F, 3d Heavy Artillery, 162d Pennsylvania Volunteers.

John E. Snyder was born July 22, 1868, in Armstrong county and in his boyhood attended public school, leaving, however, at an early age. But he did not give up study, buying books as he could and persevering with reading and the acquisition of general information to such an extent that he may be called a practically self-educated man. From early youth he has been familiar with the practical work of mining, and in January, 1906, in partnership with his brother Mark, he bought the leases, cars and other equipment of Joseph Beck on the operation they have since worked, located a quarter of a mile down the Allegheny river from Kittanning, on the west bank, situated in North Buffalo township. They have about eighty acres of leased coal running from the river bridge west and adjoining the Fair grounds. This mine was first opened about 1870, by Mr. Mecklens, who made two entrances. The bank had been abandoned for some forty years when Joseph Beck resumed work there, in 1905, and he was soon bought out by the Snyder Brothers Coal Company, whose operations have been carried on continually since. There are two entrances to the old mine, where the coal vein is from three to four feet in thickness, and the Snyders also have a lease on the top vein of coal. From four to twelve men are employed, and there are two paydays monthly, all the business of the concern being attended as systematically as is customary among the larger companies. The Snyders own two teams which are kept busy hauling to the Kittanning Iron & Steel Company, their largest buyers, with whom they make yearly contracts, this concern using from 200 to 400 tons monthly. They also supply the Kittanning Plate Glass Company, and sell large quantities of coal by the bushel for domestic use, two or three extra teams being engaged in delivering to their customers all over Kittanning and vicinity.

Mark H. Snyder was born Nov. 9 1876, in North Washington township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and received his education in the public schools, first attending at Manorville, and later the Bethel township (Armstrong county) schools. Ever since he left school he has been engaged in mining, since January, 1906, he and his brother have been very successfully engaged in their present enterprise.

The brothers have many interests in common outside of business. They served together in the Spanish-American war as members of the 17th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and after their discharge, by special order of the War Department, returned to their Pennsylvania home. They are prominent members of the Baptist Church, of which John E. Snyder is now a trustee, and he was formerly a deacon for five years, his brother now holding that office. John E. Snyder is teacher of the Snyders Bible class, of the Adults' State Association, and he and his brother are active members of the Personal Worker's League, which has a nation-wide membership, Mark H. Snyder serving on the devotion committee at present. The brothers have also assisted faithfully in providing the music, both having good voices and belonging to the Male Quartet and to the Men's Chorus. Politically they are Republicans, and thoroughly in sympathy with Prohibition principles.

On Aug. 15, 1901, the brothers were married, John E. Snyder to Effie Catherine Harmon and Mark H. Snyder to Elvira Harmon, her sister, daughters of Philip and Elizabeth (White) Harmon. Rev. A. F. Shumaker officiated, the double wedding taking place at Ross farm, near Rosston, this county. Mr. and Mrs. John E. Snyder have two children, Hazel Marie and Mark Emerson, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark H. Snyder also have two, Charles Harmon and Florence Elvira. The former reside at No. 510 Hawthorne avenue, Kittanning, the latter in the adjoining property at No. 512 Hawthorne avenue.

SAMUEL RUPP (deceased) was for many years a well-known resident of Valley township, Armstrong county, where he filled several township offices. He was a farmer by occupation. He was born near the Rupp Church in the Rupp settlement in Armstrong county. In 1866 he married Hanna Cravener, who was born March 4, 1842, at Blanket Hill, in Kittanning township, this county, daughter of John and Mary (Dunmire) Cravener, the former of whom was born east of the mountains, the latter in Armstrong county. Mr. Cravener was a blacksmith by trade and also followed farming. His family consisted of six sons and six daughters.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Rupp lived at Blanket Hill, on a farm, until they moved to the farm in Valley township where Mrs. Rupp still continues to make her home. Here they purchased sixty-two acres of land, on which there were some inprovements. An old log house and stable which then stood on the place have been replaced by more modern structures, substantial and well kept up, and many improvements have been made during the time the Rupps have owned the property, which is now quite valuable. Mr. Rupp was a public-spirited citizen, ever ready to do his share to promote the general welfare or look after the business of the township, and he held various offices, performing his duties creditably and faithfully. He was a Republican in political sentiment. His death occurred in 1910, when he was seventy-two years of age.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rupp: David, who is engaged in farming in Valley township; Mary, deceased; Lizzie, deceased; Thomas, who resides at Jeannette, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; Milton, who resides at Kittanning, this county, and one that died in infancy unnamed.

SAMUEL M. WEST, a retired business man of Apollo, Pa., and a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., Jan. 23, 1841, son of Adam and Sarah West.

Adam West was a shoemaker and followed the trade through life. He was a hard-working and highly respected man and died in his native State in 1843. His wife survived him for many years, her death occurring in 1876. They were parents of eight children, the only survivor of the family being Samuel M.

Samuel M. West was reared by an aunt after the death of his father, and he resided with her and enjoyed school advantages until he enlisted for service in the Civil war. This was in the fall of 1861, when he entered Company C, 4th Pa. Vol. Cav., as a private, later becoming first sergeant. He joined his regiment at Harrisburg, Pa., and from there the command was sent to Washington, D. C., where it was placed under the leadership of General McClelland. This regiment gave a good account of itself, and as a member of it Sergeant West participated in sixty-seven engagements. It took part at Malvern Hill and White Oak Swamp, and at Gettysburg its activity prevented General Stuart making his proposed connection with the other Confederate forces. At Antietam the 4th Pennsylvania Regiment was a part of the advance guard and in that fierce engagement the brave Colonel Childs was killed. While the battle was in progress Mr. West was one of those detailed to give care to the wounded and dying soldiers. In the spring of 1864 he took part in the battle of the Wilderness, having re-enlisted in the same company and regiment in which he had served out his first term, and after the surrender of General Lee his regiment went into camp at Lynchburg, Va., where it lay until honorably discharged, July 13, 1865.

Mr. West then returned home and on Oct. 26, 1865, in Westmoreland county, was married to Margaret Townsend. Four sons and one daughter were born to them: Carrie Isabel, Robert T., Harry H., Clayton D. C. and Elmore Murray.

After his marriage, Mr. West interested himself in farming, both in Pennsylvania and in Virginia, continuing agricultural work until he moved to Apollo, Pa. Here he went into the teaming and draying business and was so engaged until 1907, when failing health, undoubtedly due to his years of army exposure, compelled him to retire from active life. He is a member of Whitworth Post, No. 89, G. A.

R. In politics he is a Republican, and for nine years served in the office of constable at Apollo.

BERTRAM L. WILLARD, closely associated with the building interests of Armstrong county as a contractor and builder, and one of the public-spirited citizens of Kittanning, was born in this city, April 26, 1875, son of Smith and Elizabeth Willard.

Smith Willard had three children: Bertram L.; Pearl, wife of W. G. Stephens; and Alma, wife of R. J. Kennedy.

Bertram L. Willard was educated at the Kittanning public schools, and when only seventeen years old was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade. After finishing his apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman for a period of about twelve years, during this time being employed by various contractors, and thus familiarizing himself with every detail of the work and becoming qualified to go into business for himself. This he did in 1907, and has met with marked success. He is also an expert patternmaker, and specializes on making patterns for small castings in his shop. Progressive and modern in all his methods, he has taken some important contracts and carried them through to successful completion. Fraternally he belongs to Blue Lodge No. 244, F. & A. M.; Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M., and has taken the Consistory degrees. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows, being a past grand in that order, as he has filled all the chairs. In addition he is a member of the grand lodge, representing his local lodge in that body. His religious connections are with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a consistent member.

W. H. EYNON, farmer and justice of the peace of Brady's Bend township, is one of the substantial citizens of his section of Armstrong county. He was born in South Wales, May 28, 1847, son of John and Catherine Eynon, both of whom died in South Wales, where W. H. Eynon was reared and educated.

In 1868 Mr. Eynon came to the United States by himself, the trip taking eleven days, and landed in New York City, whence he went West, to Illinois and Iowa, where he engaged in farming. Later he returned East, and coming to Pennsylvania settled on his present property of twenty-two acres, located a half mile west of Kaylor on the Butler, Brady's Bend, Chicora road, in Brady's Bend township. It was formerly owned by Lewis Barnhart, from whom Mr. Eynon purchased it. He has made all of the existing improvements upon this farm, and has a valuable place. For sixteen years he was also engaged in mining coal and ore.

Mr. Eynon married Sarah Barnhart, a daughter of the late John and Susan Barnhart, residents of Brady's Bend township. Mr. and Mrs. Eynon have had the following children: Ethel, who is at home; Myrtle, wife of Samuel P. Hillwig, of Brady's Bend township; William J., who died when seven months old; and Harry Roland, who died at the age of eight years.

A Republican politically, Mr. Eynon has served as auditor of Brady's Bend township for eighteen years, and has been health officer of his locality since the creation of that office. The Baptist Church holds his membership and he is held in high respect in that congregation, as he is elsewhere, for he is a man of sterling integrity and excellent worth.

H. A. HOOKS, a veteran of the Civil war, now living retired at Adrian, Armstrong county, was born in this county, Sept. 4, 1843, son of Hugh and Catherine (Leisure) Hooks, The Hooks family originated in Scotland.

Hugh Hooks was born in 1812, in Pennsylvania, and died in East Franklin township, Armstrong county, in 1891. He had a family of twelve children, only four of whom survive, H. A. Hooks being eighth in the order of birth. The mother died in 1886.

H. A. Hooks went to the school of his district until his enlistment for service during the Civil war. He was only seventeen years old when he enlisted in Company G, 78th, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, at Kittanning, when the regiment was organized, and served as a private until his discharge. The regiment was transferred to Louisville, Ky., and afterward to Rock Springs, Ky., where they were first engaged with the enemy. They were in pursuit of the Confederate General Buckner, and followed him into Tennessee. Mr. Hooks participated in the battles of Nashville, Green River, Lavergne, Neely's Bend, Gridleyville, Franklin, Stone River, Liberty Gap, Hoover Gap, McLemore's Cove, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Dalton, Pulaski, and other engagements of less importance. In the battle of Stone River he was wounded in the mouth in a cross fire engagement, and at Chickamauga he was severely wounded in the intestines. During the siege of Nashville he lost his leg,

being shot by a cannon ball. This lamentable event occurred Sept. 29, 1864, eleven days before the expiration of his term of service. He was honorably discharged, Nov. 15, 1865, and returned to Armstrong county, where he has resided ever since, his home being in East Franklin township.

Mr. Hooks is a man of considerable importance in this locality, and has held several of the township offices, serving as jury commissioner, constable and school director. He has been a Republican in politics, belonging to the progressive ranks of that party. An enthusiastic member of the G. A. R. post, he enjoys meeting his old comrades. It is his pride to keep well posted upon current events, which he is able to discuss intelligently, and he enjoys Civil war reminiscences, living again through those stirring times, when he participated in so many important conflicts of the mighty struggle, which cost him so much.

JAMES M. WALLY, of Perry township, Armstrong Co., Pa., a prosperous farmer, who owns the old homestead of one hundred acres, was born on that farm, June 5, 1855, son of John and Charlotte (Truby) Wally.

Charles Wally, his paternal grandfather, was a pioneer of what is now Fairview township, Butler Co., Pa., where he resided until his death. His wife was Rachel Hanes and their children were: John; Nicholas; Ebenezer; Catherine, who married Benjamin Hanes; Nancy, who married Charles Allsworth; Sarah, who married William Wallace; Jane, who married David Chambers; Thomas, and Alexander.

John Wally, son of Charles Wally, settled in Perry township, Armstrong county, in 1834, and cleared and improved the farm of one hundred acres, which is now owned by his son, James M., residing there until his death, which occurred in 1885, in his seventy-third year. His wife, Charlotte Truby, was a daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Lauffer) Truby, pioneers of Perry township, and twelve children were born to them, eleven of whom reached maturity, viz.: William and Phebe Ann are both deceased; Thomas survives; Catherine J. married Boyd Miller; Rachel C. was married to John Evans, and (second) to Victor B. George; Polly married Benjamin Evans; Nancy E. married Frank W. George; John L. and James M. were next in the order of birth; Olive Ann married Reuben Hagerson, and Letitia married Orrin A. Knox.

James M. Wally has been a lifelong resident of Perry township and has always lived on the old homestead, succeeding his father by will and purchasing the interests of the other heirs. He owns seven acres more than the original tract, having bought this land as a valuable addition to the farm, and has carried on agricultural pursuits with much success. Besides for some twenty-four years he was employed as a driller and tool dresser in the Pennsylvania oil fields, and withal has been a very busy man. Nevertheless he has found time to pay attention to public matters as becomes a good citizen, and on numerous occasions has been elected to township offices, on the Democratic ticket. For five years he served as a justice of the peace, six years as one of the overseers of the poor, and is serving his third term as school director.

On April 18, 1886, Mr. Wally was married to Virginia Simpson, a daughter of William and Mary (Wilkins) Simpson, of Freeport, Pa., and they had two children, George Dallas and Virginia Ida. The mother died Aug. 25, 1888. Mr. Wally was married (second) on March 2, 1895, to Mrs. Eva Day, a daughter of Washington and Nancy (Shepherd) Hogan, of Monterey, Pa. Mrs. Wally died March 1, 1902. Mr. Wally is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is identified with East Brady Lodge, No. 640, F. & A. M.

J. K. BENNINGER, farmer, fruit grower and oil producer, owning ten acres of land on the Allegheny river in Brady's Bend township, was born at Millers Eddy, in Perry township, Armstrong Co., Pa., April 14, 1848, son of Peter Benninger and a grandson of Peter Benninger.

Peter Benninger, the grandfather, came from Lehigh county, Pa., to Clarion county, where he located at Catfish, and there reared his family. He died in Clarion county, and is buried there. He had seven sons and one daughter, his son Peter being the fourth child in order of birth.

Peter Benninger, father of J. K. Benninger, was born at Catfish, Clarion Co., Pa., and grew to manhood there. After marriage he removed to Perry township, Armstrong county, where he was, for some time, a pilot on river boats, but later became a merchant at Millers Eddy. He died in 1865, at the age of sixty-seven years, and is buried in Perry township. He was a pioneer in Perry township, as the country was practically a wilderness when he settled there and many Indians yet remained in the neighborhood. In politics he was a Democrat. At Millers Eddy he was

married to Phoebe Truby, of Perry county, Pa., and they had five children, two daughters and one son still surviving; one son was killed while in the army. The mother died in 1850 and was buried in Perry township. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. K. Benninger attended school in Perry township, leaving at the age of fourteen years. He remained on the farm until he was seventeen years old, learned boatbuilding at Millers Eddy, and afterward was associated with his father in transporting oil by boat from Oil Creek to Pittsburgh. For some time he worked in a rolling mill, later engaged in mining coal, and then entered the oil fields in Butler county as a driller, continuing thus for fourteen years. Mr. Benninger then bought his present place, on which he has a producing oil well, and devotes his land to growing small fruits, principally strawberries. He has lived there since 1864, has erected the residence, and made other improvements. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1866 Mr. Benninger was married to Rachel Seybert, daughter of Henry Seybert, an early settler in this township. She was the mother of four children: Peter, Curtis, Mary and Lou Emma. Mrs. Benninger died at the age of fifty years, and is buried in Brady's Bend township. In 1899 Mr. Benninger married (second) Tillie Seybert, daughter of Barney Seybert, and they have four children: Arthur Raymond, James Wesley, Alice and Stella Myrtle.

MICHAEL FRICK SMITH, who for over twelve years has served as postmaster at Oak Ridge, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born Feb. 23, 1842, son of Robert and Susanna (Frick) Smith. His grandfather was Church Smith, a native of Ireland and among the first settlers in Armstrong county. He located near Elderton, in Plum Creek township, where he lived and died. His children who grew to maturity were: James, George, Robert and Betsey (married David Berkey).

Robert Smith, son of Church Smith, was born in 1808, in Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, and was there reared. He spent all his life in this county, living for upward of a quarter of a century in Washington township, where he engaged in farming. Later in life he removed to Mahoning township, where his death occurred in 1882, when he was seventy-four years old. He was twice married, first to Miss McCoy, by whom he had two sons, George and James. Later he married (second) Susanna Frick, daughter of Jacob Frick, a pioneer of Armstrong county. Eleven children were born to this marriage, seven of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Church; Jacob; Alexander; Michael F.; Polly Jane, who married Andrew Wolf; Christopher; and Nancy J., who married Edward Wilson. The mother of this family was a native of Northumberland county.

Michael F. Smith was born in Washington township, and there grew to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools. He located with his parents in Mahoning township in 1860, working at farming until Oct. 1, 1861, when he enlisted in Company M, 2d Pennsylvania Cavalry, and took part in the battles of Cedar Mountain, Rappahannock Station, second Bull Run, Occoquan River, Gettysburg, South Mountain, Bealton Station, Mine Run, Todd's Tavern, Beaver Dam, operations in front of Richmond, and engagements at Old Church Tavern, Cold Harbor, Malvern Hill, White Oak Swamp, Deep Bottom, Charles City Cross Roads, Reams Station, Wyatt House, Boydton Plank Road, Stony Creek, and Petersburg, as well as minor affairs. His service extended over three years and nine months, and he was honorably discharged at Clouds Mills, Va., June 28, 1865. After his return home he engaged in framing in Mahoning and Wayne townships, and later in the lumber business. Since 1884 he has been a resident of Red Bank township, Armstrong county, where for ten years he was engaged in the mercantile business. Since 1900 he has efficiently filled the office of postmaster at Oak Ridge.

Mr. Smith married Nov. 28, 1865, Christiana, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Gould) Clever, of Wayne township. They have had ten children, seven of whom are living, as follows: Edward; Nancy Jane, wife of S. L. Barger; Margaret, wife of George Neese; Hortense, wife of William Gerheim; J. Park; Mary, wife of Emil Johnson; and Della, wife of Edward Shaffer. Mr. Smith belongs to the M. E. Church. Socially he is a member of the New Bethlehem G. A. R. post. In politics he unites with the Republican party.

D. B. COULTER, a Civil war veteran, of Apollo, was born Sept. 22, 1833, at Elderton, in Armstrong county, Pa., and is now the oldest living native of that town. He is a son of William and Sarah (Sutton) Coulter.

William Coulter was born in Pennsylvania, as was his wife. His death occurred in 1871, hers in 1873. They had a family of nine

children, of whom D. B. was the eighth in the order of birth.

D. B. Coulter attended public school until his sixteenth year, and then began clerking in a store, thus continuing until 1854. On Sept. 20, 1862, he responded to his country's call, enlisting in Company M, 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and entering the service as a private was promoted to sergeant, then to second lieutenant. Still later he was made first lieutenant, with which rank he was discharged. His regiment was recruited at Pittsburgh, under the command of Col. J. M. Schoonmaker, and became one of the famous regiments that went out from the Keystone State. It entered the field of war at Harper's Ferry, and from there was sent to participate in the West Virginia campaign, under General Averill, 4th Separate Brigade, during 1863. Participating in the battles of Huttonville and Rocky Gap, the regiment was then placed in the 2d Brigade, 2d Division, Army of the Shenandoah, at Newmarket. Mr. Coulter's company then took a dismounted command at Remount Camp, Pleasant Valley, Md. Later they rejoined the regiment, which was under the command of General Hunter, and on June 5, 1864, participated in the battle of Piedmont, defeating the enemy there under General Jones. In that engagement the regiment showed exceptional bravery. In addition to the more important battles, it was active in a number of skirmishes in the Shenandoah valley. Later it fell back to Hagerstown, Md., and after Chambersburg was burned helped to drive General McCauslin to Virginia, where they defeated and captured him. The regiment then took part in the battle of Fisher's Hill, Sept. 19, 1864, and on Oct. 19th was in the battle of Cedar Creek, and still later in the battle of Winchester, where it remained until the capture of Richmond. Following the final surrender the regiment was sent to Washington, where they participated in the grand review, the memory of which will live with those who formed part of it as long as life endures. The regiment was finally discharged July 31, 1865. No brief record such as this can do justice to the work of these brave men. Not only were they in many bloody engagements, but they took part in the forced marches, the weary waiting, the exposure to all kinds of weather, and more than once were insufficiently fed, owing to trouble with the source of supplies. That any lived to reach even middle age is a marvel, considering the privations and exposure to infection of all kinds, and the danger of southern fever to those not acclimated, to say nothing of the death that threatened with every discharge of the enemy's guns. The soldiers of the sixties surely came of sturdy, healthy stock, to live through all this and be able to round out long and useful lives afterward.

Returning to his home in Armstrong county after his discharge, arriving Aug. 5, 1865, Mr. Coulter resumed farming operations, conducting his father's property. Until 1882 he remained on this farm, then moving to Elderton, Pa., and still later to Apollo, where he has since remained, being now retired from business. He is a member of Charles Whitworth Post, No. 89, G. A. R., and served seventeen times as adjutant of the post.

Mr. Coulter was united in marriage with Rachel Smith, at Elderton, Pa., and ten children were born of this marriage, nine of whom survive: H. W., born Oct. 14, 1856; Sarah E., Sept. 10, 1857; William M., Dec. 5, 1861; Lida, May 8, 1866; John L., Aug. 31, 1867; Mary C., March 31, 1869; David A., Aug. 9, 1870; James E., May 24, 1872; Bruce E., Jan. 7, 1875.

JOSEPH TEMPLETON, retired farmer, late of Rural Valley, Armstrong county, was born in Jefferson county, Pa., Nov. 14, 1832, son of James C. and Jennie (McCracken) Templeton, and grandson of John Templeton.

John Templeton came from Ireland to Plum Creek township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he bought a farm and died upon his property at an advanced age. His children were: John, James C., Rachel and Mary.

James C. Templeton was born in Armstrong county, and was a farmer all his life. He spent about seven years in Jefferson county, but returning to Armstrong county settled on the old homestead of his father in Plum Creek township, which continued to be his home until his death, which occurred when he was a very old man. He and his wife had the following family: Isabella, Elizabeth, Jennie, Mary, Finnie (of Cowanshannock township), Joseph, John, and Margaret.

Joseph Templeton attended the local school, and was brought up on the farm. He was twenty-five years old when he located in Cowanshannock township, near Rural Valley. There he owned 120 acres of land, which he cleared to a considerable extent and developed into a valuable property. This continued to be his home until 1906, when he retired to Rural Valley, and he had the distinction of being one of the oldest residents of the place. He died March 7, 1913, aged eighty years,

three months, twenty-three days, and was interred at Atwood.

Mr. Templeton married Catherine Morrow, and after her death married (second) Margaret C. Sloan, of Cowanshannock township. Mrs. Templeton died May 9, 1898, aged seventy-one years, three months and nine days, and is buried at Atwood, Cowanshannock township. Mr. Templeton had two children born of his first marriage: Mary Jane, who married Johnston Fisher, and died leaving three children, John, Effie J., and Julia C.; and James C., a well-known merchant at Rural Valley, who married Elizabeth Stennett. (They had no children). Mr. Templeton was a Republican, and served very acceptably as supervisor and township treasurer. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and served on the building committee which had charge of the construction of the present edifice.

DAVID A. GORMAN, V. S., for nearly ten years a resident of Kittanning, Pa., is well known in his line of work throughout this part of Pennsylvania, particularly in his connection with the State Live Stock Sanitary board. He has been secretary of that body for Armstrong county since settling here, and during his residence in Indiana county held the same postion for that section.

Dr. Gorman was born April 15, 1848, in Indiana county, Pa., son of David G. Gorman and grandson of David Gorman, who came to this country from Scotland before his marriage. His wife, whose maiden name was Jennie George, came to America from Ireland when a child. Mr. and Mrs. David Gorman resided a short time in Armstrong county, moving thence to Indiana county, where they settled on what is known as the old homestead of the family. He was a farmer by occupation.

David G. Gorman was born April 2, 1823, near South Bend in Armstrong county, Pa., and received his education in the common schools of Armstrong and Indiana counties. He taught school for some time in Indiana county, where the greater part of his life was spent, becoming one of the prosperous farmers of that section. Politically he was a Democrat of strong convictions and active in the work of the party, and he served thirty-five years as justice of the peace in Indiana county. He and his wife were members of the M. E. Church, in which he was also prominent. He married Christiana Fry, a native of Indiana county, daughter of Daniel and Mary Fry, and ten children were born to them, namely: David A., Jane E., Martha C., Mary C., Nancy H. William, Delillah, Henry, Sarah, and John. Henry lives on the old homestead farm, and David is the only member of the family residing in Armstrong county. The mother died at the age of seventy-five years, the father in his eighty-fifth year. They were buried in Indiana county.

David A. Gorman received his early education in the common schools of Indiana county and at Covode Academy there. He took the course of veterinary surgery at Toronto, Canada, attending the Ontario Veterinary College, class of 1887. Returning to Indiana county he established a good practice there, his work extending also into Jefferson and Clearfield counties, and to Johnstown, Cambria county. In September, 1904, Dr. Gorman located at Kittanning. He was first at No. 208 Arch street for three or four years, thence moving to North McKean street, opposite the post office, where he remained for two years, until he came to his location at No. 360 Arch street. In 1900 Dr. Gorman became a member of the Veterinary Medical Association of Philadelphia, and he also became a member of the State Live Stock Sanitary board, of which he was secretary for Indiana county during his residence there; in his position of secretary for Armstrong county he also covered Jefferson, Westmoreland, Clarion and Butler counties. Dr. Gorman is a member of Kittanning Lodge, No. 688, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs. He is also a Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge No. 313, at Indiana, and to Chapter No. 228, R. A. M., at Clearfield, Pa. His religious connection is with the M. E. Church, and he is a Republican in politics.

On May 3, 1870, Dr. Gorman married Rebecca Jane Shaffer, who was born in Bedford county, Pa., daughter of S. S. and Mary (Beck) Shaffer, deceased, who were pioneer settlers in Indiana county, where they are buried. Mr. Shaffer was a farmer and stonemason, a well educated man for his day, and one of the respected citizens of his section. He was a member of the M. E. Church and a Republican politically. To Dr. and Mrs. Gorman have been born six children: S. C., M. D., who graduated from the Baltimore Medical College, and is now practicing his profession; Mildred, who died when twenty-three years old; two sons, who died in infancy; Emma, wife of David Hanna, a resident of Independence, Oregon; and Bonnie, who is employed as a clerk in the M. L. Bowser shoe store in Kittanning.

JOHN N. WHERRY, farmer, and president of the South Bend Fire Insurance Company, residing in South Bend township, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born Jan. 24, 1847, in that township, son of James and Sarah (Nesbit) Wherry, and a grandson of James Wherry.

James Wherry, the grandfather, was born in Ireland, and, bringing his family to America, located in Indiana county, Pa., where he died.

James Wherry (2), son of James and father of John N. Wherry, was born in Ireland and was four years old when his parents brought him to America, and he was reared in Indiana county, Pa. In 1830, with his brother, John Wherry, he came to Armstrong county, and they settled in South Bend township, where they bought 460 acres of land which they later divided, James Wherry taking 300 acres for his share. On this land he labored until it became a finely cultivated tract, and part of it is yet owned by John N. Wherry. On this farm James Wherry died about 1870, when aged seventy years. He married Sarah Nesbit, daughter of Nathaniel Nesbit. She lived to be ninety-three years of age, her death occurring Aug. 30, 1901. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. James Wherry was considered an excellent farmer, and he had additional business interests, being a stone worker and contractor for many years. During this time he had contracts for public works all over the country, including Harper's Ferry. Seven children were born to James and Sarah Wherry, as follows: Elwood M., a missionary in India, who was sent to that field of work by the Presbyterian Church forty years ago; John N.; James, for some time a farmer in Nebraska, now living at Florence; Thomas M., who is a lumber dealer, at Sabetha, Kans.; Harriet E., who is the wife of William St. Clair, of Indiana county, Pa.; Sarah M., who for thirty years has been a missionary worker in India, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church; and Nancy J., who died in 1885.

John N. Wherry attended the country schools more or less regularly up to the age of twenty years, after which he spent two years on the home farm and then learned the tanning business. He carried on tanning for some fifteen years and for fourteen years operated a threshing machine, after which he became a traveling merchandise dealer and for some time made trips as far as Pittsburgh, with his wagon and team of four horses, buying and selling all kinds of merchandise. Mr. Wherry then settled on his farm, a fine property near South Bend, Pa., and occupies a handsome brick residence on the main road between South Bend and Apollo. Politically he is a Democrat and is influential in his party, has served as school director and tax collector, and has been his party's chosen candidate for county commissioner. Mr. Wherry is president of the South Bend Fire Insurance Company, a mutual organization which has been in successful operation for the last thirty-eight years.

On Sept. 20, 1870, Mr. Wherry was married, in Indiana county, Pa., to Sarah Walker, daughter of James Walker, and they have had seven children born to them, four sons and three daughters, all of whom survive the mother, who died in 1909. James Elwood, who is principal of the Coraopolis schools, formerly was a student in Grove City College; Clara B., now a stenographer in Indiana, Pa., Indiana Co.; Byron P., who is a worker in the rolling mills; Rob Roy, who is a clerk; Bessie Beulah, a teacher; Oscar M., who teaches school at South Bend; and Helen May, who is at home. Mr. Wherry is a member of the Presbyterian Church at West Lebanon, Pa., in which he is a deacon.

HARVEY M. KING, sheet roller with the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company, at Leechburg, Pa., was born at the King homestead in Gilpin township, Armstrong county, son of J. George King, a grandson of Conrad King and a great-grandson of Peter King. Peter King lived in Bremen, Germany, and was a farmer by occupation. He remained in the old country.

Conrad King, son of Peter King, was born in Germany, and came from there to America when a young man with his wife and one child, a daughter. They crossed the Atlantic ocean in a sailing vessel that consumed eight weeks in making the voyage, landing at Baltimore, Md., July 4, 1832, from which city they shortly afterward made their way to Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., by team. There Conrad King followed his trade, shoemaking, for seven years. From there he moved to Armstrong county and settled in what was then Allegheny (now Gilpin) township, where he purchased fifty-five acres of land near the Forks Church. This was known as the old John Stoops farm, but the clearing was mainly done by Conrad King, and here he passed the remainder of his life, his death occurring in May, 1883, at the age of eighty-four years. He married Elizabeth Shiren, who was born

in Germany, and died in Gilpin township in 1870 when aged seventy years. Both she and her husband were members of the Forks Church and they are buried in the cemetery of that church. Conrad King was one of the members when the first church was built there in 1842, and always continued his active interest. Five children were born to Conrad and Elizabeth King, namely: Henry, who died at the age of forty years; Catherine, who married Joseph T. Myers; Mary A., who died unmarried; Caroline, who resides at Leechburg; and J. George.

J. George King was reared in Armstrong county and attended the district schools, and since taking entire charge of the homestead, in 1884, has devoted himself to general farming and fruit growing. During the Civil war he became a member of Company H, 14th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, when there was danger from State invasion by the Confederates, and was out a short time. On May 19, 1864, he married Sarah A. Snyder, daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth (Bargerstock) Snyder, and the following children have been born to them: Elizabeth C. died at the age of seven years; John W., who lives in Gilpin township, married Claudia Sipes, and they have three children, William H., George E., and Grace R.; Samuel E., who is a resident of East St. Louis, married Pearl Purviance, and they have five children, Harold, Clair, Russell, Leon, and Lucille; Duetta, who is the wife of George Sipes, residing in Gilpin township, has three children, Lillian, Florence, and Beatrice; Harvey M. is mentioned below. Mr. King has always been an active citizen, taking much interest in local politics, and several times has been elected to office on the Democratic ticket. For six years he has served as school director in Gilpin township, and he served two terms in Allegheny township before it was divided. He has also been assessor and auditor. He is one of the representative members of the Forks Lutheran Church, which he has served as member of the council for forty years and many years as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Harvey M. King obtained a good common school education and remained at home until he was twenty-one years old, when he came to Leechburg, Pa. He began work in the rolling mills, accepting a place at the bottom and working his way up until he was made a roller, in 1899, a position that requires knowledge and experience. He was married in 1899 to Jane Hawk, daughter of Aaron and Harriet (Lookabaugh) Hawk, and they have three children: Irwin, Margaret, and Evelyn. In 1907 Mr. King erected his handsome residence on Third street, Leechburg. Politically he is a Democrat, and fraternally an Odd Fellow and a member of the Royal Arcanum. He is a member of the First Lutheran Church of Leechburg.

WILLIAM R. BRUMBAUGH, of Cowanshannock township, Armstrong Co., Pa., carpenter and justice of the peace, was born in Jefferson county, Pa., Jan. 2, 1856, son of James C. and Penina (Snowden) Brumbaugh, and is of German and Scotch descent.

John Brumbaugh, his paternal grandfather, came from eastern Pennsylvania, probably from Berks county, and died while removing his family to Jefferson county.

David Snowden, the maternal grandfather of William R. Brumbaugh, was a pioneer of Wayne township, Armstrong county.

James C. Brumbaugh, father of William R. Brumbaugh, was a lad when he accompanied his parents to Jefferson county, and there he was reared to manhood. After attaining his majority he engaged in lumbering in Jefferson and Clearfield counties, and in 1900 he removed to Yatesboro, Armstrong county, here finding employment with the Cowanshannock Coal & Coke Company for three years. He then retired from active life, and died Oct. 1, 1911. By his first wife, Penina Snowden, Mr. Brumbaugh had two children who grew to maturity, William R. and David. Then he married (second) Mattie Secrist, and they had two children to grow to maturity, Pearl, the wife of Frank Snowden; and Earl. Mr. Brumbaugh's third marriage was to a widow, Mrs. Hannigan, and they had one daughter, Twila, who married James McLaughlin.

William R. Brumbaugh, son of James C. Brumbaugh, was reared in Jefferson county, and after attending the public schools became apprenticed to the carpenter's trade. He followed lumbering for seventeen years as foreman for Andrews & O'Donnell, of New Bethlehem, Pa., and in 1899 came to Yatesboro, Armstrong county, where he has since been in the employ of the Cowanshannock Coal & Coke Company as carpenter. He had formerly worked for this company at Eleanor, Jefferson county. Mr. Brumbaugh is a skilled mechanic, and his faithful attention to the duties of his position has made him one of his company's most trusted and valued employees.

Mr. Brumbaugh has been twice married, his first wife being Nancy Norris, daughter of William Norris, of Jefferson county, and

by her he had three children: Alvin, Ella, the wife of M. Truesdell; and Burt. Mr. Brumbaugh was married second to Mrs. Sally (Rinn) London, and they have also had three children: Morris, Margaret, and Jennie.

Mr. Brumbaugh is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church of Yatesboro, of which he is an elder and trustee. His fraternal affiliation is with the Knights of Pythias. A Republican in politics, Mr. Brumbaugh has always taken an active and intelligent interest in public matters, and at this time is serving his third term as justice of the peace of Cowanshannock township. He stands high in the esteem of his fellow townsmen, who know him as a reliable citizen, a kind neighbor and a stalwart friend.

W. E. ANDERSON, of Kittanning, conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, between Pittsburgh and Kittanning, is a native of Clarion county, Pa., born near Kissinger Mills, in the vicinity of Rimersburg, Jan. 19, 1869. He is a son of Lott Anderson and grandson of Abraham Anderson, the latter of whom was of Scotch parentage.

Mr. Anderson grew to manhood in Clarion county, and there received a common school education. Assisting his father with the farm work until seventeen years old, he then started out for himself, finding employment in a shop at Philipston, Clarion county, where he remained for five years. He was next at Butler, Pa., for a few months, and then went to Oil City, where he was employed in the oil well supply business for a year. He then engaged with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in whose employ he has since remained, beginning as a freight brakeman, being thus employed for only one month, however, when because of a crippled hand he changed to the position of fireman. After some time he again became a brakeman, being thus employed until May 24, 1904, since which time he has been a conductor. He worked some time as extra man before being put on a steady run. Mr. Anderson is a member of the O. R. C., and has an excellent standing with his fellow workers, as well as his employers. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in political matters is independent, voting as he sees fit, and taking no active part in public affairs. Since his marriage his home has been at several places, being now at No. 409 North Grant avenue, Kittanning.

In December, 1889, Mr. Anderson married Miss L. Hulings, who was born at Philipston, Clarion county, daughter of Seth and Nancy Hulings, and has two children, namely: Arden Ellis, a graduate of the Pittsburgh Central high school, now assistant secretary of the McNeal Plate Works, and W. Hulings, at present attending high school in Kittanning.

M. Hulings, grandfather of Mrs. Anderson, married Sarah Meyers, and they had a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, all now deceased; one died young, the rest living to old age. The mother lived to the age of ninety-two years, and is buried in the Philipston, Pa., cemetery.

Seth Hulings, son of Marcus, was born in Clarion county, Pa., and died in Pittsburgh, aged seventy-four years. He was engaged for some time as pilot on the river boats, and was an oil speculator in McKean and Clarion counties. Politically he was a Republican and took quite an active part in public affairs. He held the office of school director. He was a member of the M. E. Church.

WILLIAM C. McKINSTRY, a farmer and dairyman of Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, was born in this county, Feb. 8, 1856, son of William and Lydia (Andrew) McKinstry.

William McKinstry was born in Pennsylvania, Oct. 20, 1819, and died Nov. 21, 1902; his wife was born in this State, Aug. 16, 1820, and died Dec. 11, 1904. They were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. At the time of his death the father owned 111 acres of good farming land, which he had operated sucessfully for a number of years. In all of his transactions he was upright and honorable. A man who kept himself well posted on current events, he read the newspapers carefully, and was able to discuss the problems of the day accurately and logically. A charitable man, he was known for his kindness to the poor and afflicted. Eleven children were born to him, of whom William C. was seventh in the order of birth.

William C. McKinstry attended public school until his nineteenth year, and resided on the farm with his father until the death of the latter. For twenty-seven years he and his wife lived in a log house on the homestead, which still stands, although Mr. McKinstry expects to demolish it in the near future. When his father died, he moved his family into the homestead. During the many years he has been engaged in farming, Mr. McKinstry has given special attention to dairying. He now owns this old farm, which was one of the first to be developed in the township. In all his operations he has met

with well merited success, for he has carried on his work intelligently and scientifically, and helped to raise the agricultural standard in his neighborhood.

On Dec. 4, 1879, Mr. McKinstry was married in Armstrong county to Wilhelmina Miller, whose parents were old settlers of Armstrong county. Mr. and Mrs. McKinstry became the parents of children as follows: Ada O., now Mrs. Z. U. Smith; Boyd P.; Clara E., Mrs. John Hilty; Myra, Mrs. Walters; Florence, Mrs. Grant Sewart; Cleascy and Clinton, twins; Emmet, and Earle. In politics Mr. McKinstry is a Democrat, and has served his township as school director and supervisor for a number of years. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and is as respected in that body as he is everywhere else.

D. W. BISH is one of the progressive agriculturists of Red Bank township, where he has an up-to-date farm of 147 acres located a half mile southeast of Oak Ridge.

George Bish, his father, was reared in Madison township, this county, near Kellersburg, at which place he received his education. He married Rachel Howard, who was born in Indiana county, Pa., and they lived in Madison township, Armstrong county, for five years afterwards, thence moving to Porter township, Jefferson county. Mr. Bish was a prominent man of that section, served fifteen years as school director of Porter township, and for fifteen or twenty years as justice of the peace. He was a lifelong Democrat. His death occurred in Jefferson county when he was sixty-six years old, and his wife died at the age of sixty-four years. They were members of the Brethren Church at Oakland, Pa., and they had a family of ten children, six sons and four daughters, of whom three sons and one daughter now survive.

D. W. Bish, son of George, was born Feb. 2, 1869, in Porter township, Armstrong county, where he was reared, attending the Fairview schoolhouse. He became familiar with farming in boyhood, and has always been engaged in that line. For six years he lived near Brinkerton, Clarion Co., Pa., selling his farm there and buying his present farm in Red Bank township, Armstrong county, from John C. Shafer. It was known as the I. Kunselman farm, and at that time was only half improved. About eight acres are still in woodland, but the rest is under excellent cultivation. Mr. Bish has been very successful in his farming and stock raising operations. For the last two years he has been especially interested in Holstein cattle, Belgian horses and Berkshire hogs. He has taken an active part in progressive movements, especially those which promise benefit to the immediate locality. He is a stockholder of the Oak Ridge Independent Telephone Company, of which he is president, and he is also president of the Farmers' Co-operative Buying Club, which has seventy-two members in Red Bank township and Clarion county. He has also taken some interest in the administration of public affairs, though no direct part since he settled in Red Bank township, and he was road supervisor and school director while in Clarion county, Politcally he is a Republican and his religious connection is with the M. E. Church at Oak Ridge. He holds membership in the K. O. T. M. at New Bethlehem.

Mr. Bish married Effie Lingerfelter, of Sprankle Mills, Jefferson county, daughter of J. U. and Eva (Mauk) Lingerfelter, old settlers of Jefferson county, who came to that section from the East. Mr. and Mrs. Bish have had eight children, namely: Guy, William, John, Dale, Mary and Marie, twins (the former deceased); Frank, and Eugene.

SAMUEL HENRY McNAUGHTON, for many years a resident of Parker City, Armstrong county, was born at Madison Furnace, Clarion Co., Pa., Jan. 14, 1839, son of James and Barbara (Brenneman) McNaughton, and grandson of Alexander McNaughton.

Alexander McNaughton was born in Scotland, and one of the fine farms of Clarion county, Pa., was a tract on which he settled prior to 1815 and which he subsequently cleared. The balance of his life was passed there, as was that of his wife, Hannah Boyd. They had children as follows: John, Alexander, James, Samuel, William, Robert, George, Hannah (who married John Boyd), Sarah (who married William Cook), and Mary (who married William Brenneman).

James McNaughton, son of Alexander McNaughton, was born in Clarion county, Pa., and in early manhood followed farming. Afterward, for many years, he was employed at Madison Furnace, where he died at the age of sixty years. He married Barbara Brenneman, a daughter of Peter Brenneman, who was born in Germany, emigrated to America, and became a substantial farmer in Clarion county, Pa. Mrs. James McNaughton lived to be seventy-five years of age. Their children were as follows: Mary Ann, deceased; Jane, deceased, who married Samuel Klingensmith; Catherine, deceased, who married John

D. Lyon; John, deceased; Fanny, deceased, who married Absalom Vechtel; James, deceased; Esther, deceased, who married Lorenzo Dow; Elizabeth, deceased, who married John Boyd; Washington, deceased; Daniel, deceased; Samuel H.; and Barbara, now deceased, who married John Rifenberrick.

Samuel H. McNaughton was reared in his native county, was educated in the district schools, and began life as a farmer, continuing to follow agricultural pursuits until he enlisted in the United States army, Feb. 28, 1863, as a member of Company N, 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry for three years or during the continuance of the Civil war. He saw much hard service, taking part in the battles of Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Hatcher's Run, and all the other engagements in which his regiment was engaged. At the battle of Hatcher's Run he was wounded in the left arm. When he was honorably discharged with his regiment, at Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 11, 1865, it was with the rank of corporal.

For two years after his military life was over Mr. McNaughton was engaged in a mercantile business at Vienna, Ohio, removing then to Venango county, Pa., where he followed farming for four years and was in the oil business for five years. In 1873 he came to Parkers Landing, where he has since been well known, residing there continuously with the exception of three years when he was in the oil fields of Butler county. His business interests have been in different industries, including teaming, coal operating and oil development.

Mr. McNaughton was first married to Rachel Crosin, of Clarion county, and (second) to Margaret Allen, who died in 1900. She was a daughter of John and Sarah (Boyd) Allen, of Butler county. Eight children were born to the second union, namely: Mina, who is the wife of Donnelly Sutton; Daniel W.; Samuel H., Jr.; Ida, who is the wife of Charles Christy; John T.; Charles A.; Franklin R., and Mabel. Mr. McNaughton is a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Parker City. In politics he is a Republican, and for three years has served as health officer of his city. For many years he has been identified with Craig Post, No. 75, G. A. R., which he served for six consecutive years as adjutant.

ROBERT ELMER BITTINGER, farmer, residing in Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born in Cowanshannock township, near Rural Valley, this county, Jan. 31, 1868, son of John and Catherine (Bargestock) Bittinger.

John Bittinger was born March 2, 1832, in Franklin county, Pa., and came from there to Armstrong county in early manhood, settling at what is now Rural Valley. He had a farm of eighty acres, a valuable property which is now owned by the Yatesboro Coal Company. In 1879 Mr. Bittinger bought property in Wayne township and on that land spent the remainder of his life. He died April 14, 1897. For many years he was a member of the Presbyterian Church and an active worker in church activities. He was twice married, first to Sarah Schrecongost, daughter of John Schrecongost, and later to Mrs. Catherine (Bargestock) Neal, widow of Robert Neal and daughter of John and Mary Bargestock. To his first marriage four children were born: Lavina C., Andrew J., Mary E., and William W. To the second marriage seven children were born, namely: Henry; Miles and Ida, both of whom are deceased; Robert Elmer; James H.; A. Preston, who is a minister in the Presbyterian Church; and Alice M., who married George Fritz. By her first marriage Mrs. Bittinger had one son, James B. She now resides with her son, Robert E. Bittinger, in Wayne township.

Robert Elmer Bittinger was educated in the public schools of Cowanshannock and Wayne townships and at Glade Run Academy, afterward assisting his father on the home farm and at times, as opportunity offered, being employed on public works. In 1896 he took charge of the homestead, which contains eighty-five acres, situated near Belknap, Pa. This is considered a very valuable property, rich in gas and coal, together with many acres capable of producing excellent crops. Mr. Bittinger devotes all his time to his farm interests, aside from that devoted to official duties, as he has frequently been elected to important township offices. He is a Democrat in his political views and is serving as supervisor of Wayne township, of which he has also been assessor. For fourteen years he was a director in the independent school district in Wayne township and during the entire time was secretary of the board.

Mr. Bittinger married Lillie Gould, daughter of Daniel Gould, of a well-known family of Wayne township, and they have five children: Henry C., Mary C., Marlan B., Samuel P., and Clinton E. Mr. Bittinger is a member of the Concord Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee, and is also treasurer of the Sunday school.

H. A. HEIDRICK resides on his farm of 100 acres lying in Sugar Creek township, which is the old Heidrick homestead. He was born at Brady's Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa., May 16, 1867, son of Adam and Katherine (Heidrick) Heidrick (they were not related). Adam Heidrick was born in Germany and married there, and with his wife came to America.

H. A. Heidrick attended school at Brady's Bend and in Sugar Creek township, and after his school days were over remained on the homestead, giving his father assistance. After his marriage he settled on the property as a permanent resident and carries on general farming.

Mr. Heidrick married Miss E. Bippus, who was born in North Oakland township, Butler Co., Pennsylvania, and they have two children: Stella Viola, now fourteen years of age; and John Adam, who is six years old. Mr. Heidrick is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Midway, Pa., in which he has been an elder for sixteen years. In politics he is a Republican, and for several years was a member of the Republican township committee. The first public office he held was that of auditor, in which he served one term, after which for nine years he was tax collector, and three years school director; for three years has been treasurer of the school board. He is acting foreman on the State road between Cowansville and Chicora.

THOMAS S. LINABERGER, farmer, was born on his present place, a farm of 140 acres, situated in Brady's Bend township, Armstrong Co., Pa., Sept. 19, 1876, son of John and A. M. (Snow) Linaberger. His paternal grandparents were early settlers of this place.

John Linaberger, father of Thomas S., was born on the present home farm in Brady's Bend township and frequently related to his children how, as a boy, he would be sent by his father to chase the deer out of the grain fields. He became a farmer and in 1861 bought the other heirs' interests in the farm, and when called on to enlist in the Civil war paid a substitute. In politics he was a Republican, but did not seek public office, consenting, however, to serve as a school director in Brady's Bend township for two years before his death, which took place on his seventy-eighth birthday, in February, 1907. He is buried in the Crawford cemetery.

John Linaberger married A. M. Snow, who was born in Perry township, Armstrong Co., Pa., and eleven children were born to them, the survivors being: Mrs. Henry Vogt; Mrs. John Seibert; Jacob S., of Sugar Creek township; Albert, of Kittanning, and Thomas S.—all of Armstrong county; Mrs. George Ponches, of Donegal township, Butler county; Mrs. Gabe Kaylor, of Fairview township, Butler county; Mrs. Henry Kaylor, of Butler county; and Mrs. William Kelley, of Saltsburg, Indiana Co., Pa. The mother died June 2, 1892. The family was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Thomas S. Linaberger received his schooling in Perry township and afterward came to Brady's Bend township. At the death of his father he and his brother, in 1907, bought the homestead. In 1911 he bought his brother's interest. He attends to all his farm industries himself, raising crops and keeping his land in good condition, and also raises cattle and sheep. He takes much interest in his agricultural matters and is one of the members of the local Grange.

WILLIAM C. FRANTZ, overseer of the poor in South Buffalo township, Armstrong county, was born May 23, 1853, in the township which is his home, son of Jacob and Agnes (Forrester) Frantz.

Isaac Frantz, his grandfather, was an old Indian fighter who lost his life in an Indian outbreak in the vicinity of Greensboro, Westmoreland Co., Pa., whither he had moved at an early day.

Jacob Frantz was born in 1805, in Pennsylvania, coming of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock. His wife was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and her family has long been prominent in Armstrong county. Mr. and Mrs. Frantz had eight children, five of whom are now living. Jacob Frantz received a fairly good education, and made good use of his opportunities, so that when he died he owned sixty acres of good farm land. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which he served as an elder. In politics he was a Democrat, and was elected assessor and collector of his township. A quiet, unassuming man, he tried to carry out the teaching of the golden rule in his life, and died after a useful career in 1881. His widow survived until 1897.

William C. Frantz attended common school until he was eighteen years old. He has inherited his father's farm, and operates it. He also worked at the carpenter's trade for four years at Pittsburgh. Returning to Armstrong county he located on his farm, where he has had his home ever since. He is a member of

the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, as is his wife. In politics he is a Democrat, and in 1908 was elected overseer of the poor, which office he still holds.

On Sept. 24, 1874, Mr. Frantz was married to Olive Rayburn. The Rayburn family is one of the most prominent in South Buffalo township. Mrs. Frantz was the youngest child born to her parents, and was carefully educated in the schools of Armstrong county. Mr. and Mrs. Frantz became the parents of eight children, six of whom are living, viz.: Matthew W., born Feb. 19, 1876, named for his maternal grandfather; Jacob A., born Sept. 5, 1878; Agnes Forrester, born Nov. 12, 1880; Mary M., born June 15, 1883; William R., born Jan. 14, 1887, and Samuel G., born April 25, 1890.

MRS. MARY E. NICHOLSON, widow of Robert Sloan Nicholson, residence No. 127 Rebecca street, Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

B. C. BISHOP, of Brady's Bend township, surveyor, and present auditor of that township, was born in Fairview township, Butler Co., Pa., Sept. 24, 1886, son of John and Mary J. (Jameson) Bishop.

Jacob Bishop, grandfather of B. C. Bishop, came with his wife Mary from Ohio to Armstrong county, and settled at Brady's Bend, where he followed mining for some years.

John Bishop, father of B. C. Bishop, was born in Ohio, and was reared mainly in Brady's Bend township, Armstrong Co., Pa. After his school days were over he worked in the mines and also as a pumper at oil wells, and he is interested in oil wells on the William Bishop farm. He has always been a Republican in politics and has served in the office of school director. At Chicora, in Butler county, Sept. 24, 1885, he married Mary Jane Jameson, a native of Butler county and a daughter of John and Margaret Jameson, both now deceased, the former a native of Butler county and the latter of Brady's Bend township. With the exception of two years spent in Butler county Mr. and Mrs. Bishop have always lived in Brady's Bend township. They have had four children: B. C.; Della, who died at the age of eight years, and was buried in the Brady's Bend cemetery; and Mary and Mont, both of whom live at home. John Bishop is a member of the Lutheran Church and his wife of the United Presbyterian. They are well-known people, both belonging to the local Grange.

B. C. Bishop was two years old when he was brought to Brady's Bend township by his parents and here obtained a public school education. Under the direction of the Scranton Correspondence School he took a course in surveying, after which he took a position as surveyor for the Great Lakes Coal Company and the Western Allegheny Railroad Company, and is still so connected. Later he took a course in mechanical drawing, also with the International Correspondence School at Scranton. In politics he is a Republican, and he was elected to his present office on that party ticket. He belongs to the Odd Fellows at Kaylor and the Knights of Pythias at East Brady.

W. C. BOWERS, of Kittanning, has been in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the last forty years, being now engaged as conductor on the through run between Oil City and Pittsburgh. Mr. Bowers was born at Manorville, Armstrong county, March 1, 1852, son of George Bowers and grandson of Henry Bowers. The family is of German extraction, his great-grandfather having been a native of Germany, whence he came to America before his marriage, and spent the remainder of his life in Armstrong county, Pa., engaged in farming. He died here in old age.

Henry Bowers was reared in Armstrong county and received such education as the common schools of the day afforded. He spent his life on a farm in this county, where he married, and he and his wife had a family of six children: Barbara, Susan, Sarah, Rebecca, George, and Henry, all of whom are now deceased. The father was originally a Democrat in politics, but afterward became a Republican. He was a member of the M. E. Church, devoted in its work.

George Bowers, son of Henry, was born at Pine Creek, Armstrong county, and received his education in the local public schools. After his marriage he settled at Kittanning, where he followed his trade of tanner for ten years, thence moving to Manorville, this county, where he had his home for twenty-five years. His wife, Mary (Giben), was a native of Westmoreland county, this State, daughter of William Giben. She is buried with her husband in the Manor cemetery. They were members of the M. E. Church, in which she was particularly active as a worker. Politically he was a Republican. They had children as follows: Johnston, Nancy, Robert, Henry, Mary, W. Chambers,

George and Edward, twins (both deceased), and Sarah.

W. Chambers Bowers grew up at Manorville, and there received his education. After his school days were over he engaged in boating on the Allegheny river, and then went to Johnstown, where he was employed in a mill for two years. At the end of that time he entered the employ of the Allegheny Railroad Company, now the Allegheny division of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, beginning work as a brakeman. He received promotions until he became passenger conductor, which position he has held for the last thirty-two years. For twenty-two years he was a conductor on the accommodation train between Kittanning and Pittsburgh, and he has been on his present run between Oil City and Pittsburgh for the last four years, working every other day. He is a member of the Railroad Association, and fraternally of the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Bowers has been a lifelong Republican on political questions and, like his parents, he belongs to the M. E. Church.

Mr. Bowers married Elizabeth Starr, a native of Armstrong county, daughter of Andrew Starr, and thirteen children were born to this union, namely: Harry, Charles, Edward, Gus, Robert and Roy (twins), Benjamin, Clifford (died in infancy), Fred (deceased in infancy), Frank (deceased in infancy), Mabel, Carrie, and Mary. The mother died in December, 1896, and is buried in the Manor cemetery. Mr. Bowers married (second) Lottie Storey, daughter of William C. and Elizabeth Storey, and they have had four children: Wilbert, M. Bowers, Ruth, and George.

After his first marriage Mr. Bowers resided at Manorville, thence moving to East Brady, Pa., and from there to Kittanning, where his home is at No. 138 Queen street.

CHARLES R. RIDDLE, teamster and contractor, of Leechburg, was born in Allegheny county, July 11, 1858, son of John and Margaret (Porter) Riddle.

Mr. Riddle's paternal grandfather was born at Baltimore, Md., and became an early settler of Pittsburgh, where he located in 1811. By trade he was a painter, and followed that line of work until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-nine years of age.

John Riddle was born in Pittsburgh in 1812, and in young manhood went to another location in Allegheny county, where later he purchased a fine farm. Here he followed agricultural pursuits until he sold and went to Butler county, where he bought fifty acres of land for $1,100. Within six years he sold this same property for $7,000, as oil had been discovered in the neighborhood. In 1885 he located in Armstrong county, near Freeport, where he bought still another farm, of eighty-three acres, for which he paid $6,819. On this property he remained until his death, which occurred in 1890. He is buried at Freeport. His wife was a daughter of William Porter, of Westmoreland county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Riddle had children as follows: Elizabeth, wife of Thomas McKinney, of Butler county; Charles R.; Margaret, deceased; and John B., deceased. John Riddle was a man well and favorably known wherever he lived, and he left an honorable name to his children.

Charles R. Riddle attended public school in Butler and Armstrong counties, and was brought up amid agricultural surroundings. He lived with his father until he was twenty-three years old, when he began business for himself. At his father's death Mr. Riddle bought the homestead, near Freeport, but later sold it. He has since then been engaged in teaming and farming. In September, 1896, he located at Leechburg, where he bought a livery business, which he conducted in conjunction with his other lines for four and a half years. For some time thereafter he was in a furniture and undertaking business, being a graduate of the Barnes College and the Pittsburgh College of Embalming. He is also half owner in an undertaking business at Coalport, Indiana Co., Pa., but devotes the greater part of his time to his Leechburg interests. He owns three teams which are kept busy all the time, and he is a leader in his line in the borough.

Mr. Riddle married Annie Furry, daughter of John Furry, who saw active service in the Civil war, and was killed during his term of enlistment. Mr. and Mrs. Riddle have had the following children: Myrtle; Ida, who married David ————; Frank, who married Merna Klingensmith; Ralph, and Elizabeth. Mr. Riddle is a Republican, and served the borough of Leechburg as councilman for three years. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows, the Elks (local lodge) and the Woodmen of the World.

FRED F. TURNER, a retired engineer of the Pennsylvania railroad, residing at Kittanning, was born Aug. 3, 1847, at Concord, N. H., son of John M. Turner, and grandson of Milton Turner.

John M. Turner was also a native of New Hampshire, where he lived until after his marriage to Margaret Ann Bosto. She, too, was born in that State, a sister of Charles Bosto, an extensive refiner of oil, of Boston, Mass., and a niece of Colonel Whittmore, of Pembroke, N. H. Mr. Turner was a stage driver by occupation. After his marriage he spent some time in New Hampshire and Massachusetts before bringing his family to western Pennsylvania; they made the journey to Pittsburgh by stagecoach, and as the driver had been drinking he himself drove. From Pittsburgh the family went by boat to Franklin, and thence to Warren, Pa., by stagecoach again. Mr. Turner was employed for a time as a painter at Warren and then established a livery stable, building up such a large business that he kept from twenty-five to thirty horses. He had considerable patronage among the commercial travelers for a number of years. He afterward sold his livery and moved to Corry, Pa., and at the time of his death was conducting a large tobacco business there, having eight or ten men in his employ. He died at the age of forty-nine years, and is buried at Corry. His wife subsequently moved to Pittsburgh, where she died when sixty-nine years old, and she is also buried in the cemetery at Corry. They attended the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Turner was a Democrat, but not active in politics. He and his wife had three children, Charles, Margaret, and Fred F., all born in New Hampshire.

Fred F. Turner received his education in the public schools at Warren, Pa. In 1862 he commenced to learn the trade of machinist, serving an apprenticeship at Worcester, Mass. Returning to Warren, he was employed for a time at the Struthers machine shop, and afterward entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company as freight brakeman. After six months he was promoted to flagman, being thus engaged nine months, when he became conductor on a freight train. He left that Company to become brakeman of the Warren & Franklin railroad, being brakeman on a passenger train for three years, after which he became baggage man and extra passenger conductor. He then changed to the position of fireman on the run between Warren and Franklin, and after a year and a half of that work became engineer. In 1873 he left that road to take a position on the Allegheny Valley road, a part of the Pennsylvania system, on which he was engaged as engineer between Pittsburgh and Oil City until his retirement, March 4, 1913. His record was highly creditable, and he was a respected and trusted employee for many years. He is considered one of the progressive citizens of his section of Kittanning, and was one of the original stockholders of the Wickboro Cooperative Water Company. Politically he has always been a Democrat, and a stanch believer in the principles of the party. He is a Mason, belonging to blue lodge and chapter at Kittanning, and holds membership in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Turner was married to Emma E. Murphy, a native of Pine Creek Furnace, Armstrong county, whose parents, John and Anna (Bell) Murphy, were both born July 4, 1834. They were married April 9, 1854, and had a family of ten children, all of whom lived to grow up. One of this family is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy now reside at Knox, Pa. Mr. Murphy served at one time as county commissioner. Mrs. Murphy is a daughter of George Bell. Mrs. Turner was the ninth child born to her parents. Some time after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Turner moved to Kittanning, their home being at No. 603 Woodward avenue. Their two children, Rose Fanning and Anna Core, were born at Emlenton. They received their literary education in the public school, and have also been well educated in music.

C. C. GUMBERT, of New Bethlehem, Pa., is secretary, treasurer and manager of the Red Bank Mills (incorporated), manufacturing high-grade flour and dealing in feed and grain of all kinds.

JACOB FRANKLIN WISER, of No. 142 Queen street, Kittanning, now living retired, was a carpenter in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for thirty-five years, is a Civil war veteran, and for his services to his country and his useful and industrious career as a private citizen has always had the respect of all who know him. He was born Jan. 29, 1838, in what is now Burrell township, Armstrong county, son of Jacob and Jene (Rolley) Wiser.

Jacob Wiser, the father, was born in Berks county, Pa., and was of German descent. In the early days he drove team, hauling supplies from Philadelphia to points east of the mountains. He was still a young man when he came to Armstrong county, Pa., where he married, and settling on Cherry run began to clear the farm in what is now Burrell township, where his son, Jacob F., was born. In association with his brother-in-law, John John-

son, he leased the salt works on Crooked creek, but the enterprise did not prove remunerative and he returned to farming, which he followed the remainder of his life. He died aged ninety-one years, and his wife, born on the old Rolley farm in Plum Creek township, died in 1872. They had four children: John, Isaac, Ellen, and Jacob Franklin.

Jacob Franklin Wiser received a common school education, and learned the carpenter's trade. After his marriage he entered a rolling mill, where he was employed until he enlisted, in 1862, for service in the Civil war. Joining Company B, 46th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, he was first with the Army of the Potomac, and took part in the battle of Gettysburg. The command then returned to Virginia, and on leaving there to join the Western Army went by rail to Bridgeport, Ala., where the 11th and 12th corps were consolidated into the 20th corps and proceeded to Lookout Mountain, taking part in the battle there. It also participated in the battle of Missionary Ridge, and there went into winter quarters. In the spring it was engaged in the battle of Resaca, after which it was almost continually under fire until Atlanta was reached, also taking part in the battle there. At Atlanta Mr. Wiser received a wound which prevented him joining in Sherman's march to the sea, but nevertheless he continued in the service until the close of the war, being mustered out June 22, 1865.

Returning to his trade Mr. Wiser did general carpenter work for two years, and was engaged in the oil fields a year or so, before he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, being employed in the bridge department on the Allegheny Valley road. He was with the Pennsylvania Company continuously for a period of thirty-five years, retiring at the age of seventy. He was always an efficient and highly satisfactory workman, esteemed by his associates and employers alike, and did his duty faithfully whatever it was. Mr. Wiser formerly held membership in the Order of United American Mechanics, Royal Arcanum, Red Men and Knights of Pythias, but at present retains only his connection with the last named organization.

On July 11, 1860, Mr. Wiser married Mary Ellen Meckling, who was born Dec. 3, 1834, and died Aug. 31, 1899, in Kittanning. They had a family of ten children, born as follows: William H., Nov. 16, 1861; Jacob M., Feb. 29, 1864; Hannah Jane, May 19, 1866; Rebecca Ellen, Jan. 31, 1868 (died Aug. 24, 1876); John Franklin, July 24, 1870 (died Oct. 21, 1882); Mary Martha, Feb. 2, 1872 (died Oct. 25, 1874); Anna Bell, Aug. 21, 1874; Samuel James, March 11, 1876; Myron A., Oct. 6, 1878; Louisa Bell, Jan. 25, 1884.

ADAMS. The Adams family, several of whose members now reside in the borough of Leechburg, Armstrong county, has been settled in this part of Pennsylvania for several generations.

John Adams, grandfather of Samuel J. and Alexander L. Adams, brothers, lived and died in Allegheny county, Pa. His children were: Samuel, Lewis, John, Alexander, Mary (who married Joseph McLaughlin) and Joseph.

Alexander Adams, son of John, was born in 1813, and died Nov. 10, 1887, aged seventy-four years. He is buried in Pleasant View cemetery in Westmoreland county. In his earlier life Mr. Adams did day's work, and he also engaged in the manufacture of salt along the Allegheny river. Later he became the owner of a small farm along Pine Run, in Westmoreland county, and he was well and favorably known in his community. He was a large man physically. By his first wife, Eliza (Bollinger), daughter of Peter Bollinger, he had children: John, who died at the age of eighteen years; Samuel J.; Mary, who married Andrew Halk; Alexander L.; and Thomas B., who is living in Allegheny county, Pa. His second marriage was to Hilinda Rankin, and they had children: Hilinda, Blanch, Esther, Joseph, and Harvey.

Samuel J. Adams, son of Alexander, was born Aug. 10, 1844, in Allegheny township, Westmoreland county, and received his education in public school in Allegheny county. He went to work at the age of twelve years, assisting his father, who was then engaged in making salt, and later became employed as an office boy at Natrona, Allegheny county. His next employment was in a tinshop, after which he was engaged at coal mines for eight years. Then followed his service in the Civil war. He enlisted in Company F, 123d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Capt. John Boyd, of Tarentum, Pa., and served nine months, upon his discharge re-enlisting, in Company I, 5th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, with which he served until the close of the war. Returning home after the war Mr. Adams became engaged in construction work on the Pennsylvania railroad, and later went into the oil country, where he drilled wells, remaining there until 1882. He has since been located at Leechburg, Armstrong

county. For one year after his arrival at this place he engaged in mining. For three years he ran a hammer at Major Beale's mill, in Leechburg, and then became an engineer in the employ of the Moesta Machine Company, with which concern he continued for ten years. At the end of that period, in 1901, he became an employee of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company as engineer in charge of the electrical engine. A truthworthy and reliable man, he has always enjoyed the full confidence of his employers, who appreciate his faithful service. Mr. Adams has served one year as councilman of Leechburg, and he has been quite active in church work as a member of the Hebron Lutheran Church, in which he has held office as deacon and elder. He is a Mason, belonging to Leechburg Lodge, No. 577, F. & A. M., and to Pittsburgh Consistory (thirty-second degree). On political questions he is a Republican.

On Sept. 9, 1874, Mr. Adams married Naomi J. Kelly, daughter of Squire John Kelly, of Bruin, Butler Co., Pa., and they have one daughter, Daisy May, now the wife of Harry L. Clarke and living in Ellwood City, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have two children, Naomi J. and Bessie M.

Alexander L. Adams, son of Alexander, was born March 16, 1848, in Allegheny county, Pa. His school days over, he went to work in a tinshop, and when about eighteen years of age became employed in mines. Later he was engaged at mine work in Clearfield county, Pa., and about 1881 came to Leechburg, where he lived for a short time. He was next at Bruin, Butler Co., Pa., for three years, doing pumping in the oil fields, at the end of that time returning to Leechburg, where he is now employed at the mines of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company. He is an industrious and respected man, well known in his community.

Mr. Adams married Bessie Ashbaugh, daughter of Andrew and Mary (John) Ashbaugh, and they have two children: Lula is the wife of David McGeary and has two children, Mary F. and Clair A.; Samuel J. is foreman in a tin mill at New Castle, Pa. Mr. Adams is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose in fraternal connection, and belongs to the Lutheran Church. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

THOMAS F. BOYD, member of the general mercantile firm of Boyd Bros., at Slate Lick, Armstrong Co., Pa., was born in Armstrong county April 2, 1875, son of M. Hillis and Elizabeth F. (Dunaway) Boyd, natives of Pennsylvania, and grandson of Abraham Boyd.

Abraham Boyd, who was the founder of the Boyd family in Armstrong county, came to this section when it was all forest, locating on what is yet known as the old Boyd homestead, midway between Slate Lick and Freeport. There he resided until the end of his days, his death occurring in 1886, having survived his wife, who passed away in 1876.

M. Hillis Boyd, son of Abraham Boyd, was born March 14, 1842, and died in 1890. He remained with his parents until the time of his enlistment, in 1862, in Company L, 14th Pa. Vol. Cav., and served to the end of the Civil war, being honorably discharged in 1865. He entered the service as a private, but subsequently was made quartermaster of his regiment, with which he participated in the battle of Antietam and many other engagements. After the war he returned to Armstrong county and followed an agricultural life until his death. On Sept. 4, 1866, in Fayette county, Pa., he was married to Elizabeth F. Dunaway, who was born Aug. 31, 1845, and survives. Her parents were Jesse E. and Margaret Dunaway. Six children were born to this marriage, five of whom are living, namely: Clara Annie, Thomas F., Herbert D., James Howell, and Joseph Hillis. Mrs. Boyd and her family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

S. S. STITT, Leechburg, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

JOHN A. LINDSAY, a farmer of Kiskiminetas township, was born Aug. 4, 1866, in Fayette county, Pa., son of William C. and Elizabeth (Beatty) Lindsay.

William C. Lindsay was born in Virginia. Moving to Ohio, he lived there until his death, Sept. 8, 1905. He was a potter by trade. Nine of his large family are now living, and John A. is the fourth in order of birth.

Until his fifteenth year, John A. Lindsay attended the common schools of Indiana county, and then commenced to support himself. He had no capital, but was willing to work, and found employment as general chore boy for a farmer, receiving as compensation five dollars per month in money, and his board. For five years he worked for this man, and then was employed in a sawmill in Westmoreland county for two years. Later on he engaged in various occupations in Westmoreland and Indiana counties until his marriage, after which he lived at Latrobe and

Blairsville until he secured the contract for excavating the ground for a State normal school building. After making a number of changes, as his work necessitated, he located on Feb. 2, 1903, in Maysville, where he resides on a little farm, adjoining the village, which he bought March 4, 1907. That same year, 1907, he was appointed roadmaster of Kiskiminetas township, and still holds that office, being efficient and conscientious. The Lutheran Church holds his membership, his wife also belonging to the same denomination. Fraternally he belongs to the Eagles and American Mechanics. Politically, he is a Republican.

On July 17, 1892, Mr. Lindsay was married to Jennie Long, in Latrobe, and three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay, all of whom are living: Laura Lilly, Elizabeth M. and Paul V. Mrs. Lindsay is a daughter of Jacob Long, a native of Pennsylvania, now residing with his wife at Blairsville, Indiana Co., Pa. He is (1913) sixty-nine years old. During the Civil war he served as a Union soldier.

M. M. ROLAND, farmer, residing in South Bend township, Armstrong county, Pa., was born in that township, June 5, 1879, a son of John F. and Margaret (Early) Roland, and a grandson of William Roland. William Roland was born in Blair county, Pa., but spent the greater part of his life in Armstrong county.

John F. Roland, son of William and father of M. M. Roland, was born in Blair county, and died at the age of eighty years in 1909, in Armstrong county, to which he came with his parents when a boy of ten years. For some years in early manhood he taught school in Washington county, and later worked at the carpenter's trade and farming, owning a farm of 109 acres in South Bend township, on which he died. He married Margaret Early, and twelve children were born to them, eleven of whom survive. John F. Roland and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She died, Dec. 19, 1906.

M. M. Roland is the youngest of the above mentioned family. He attended the public schools until his fifteenth year, and for three years afterward worked in a mill at Leechburg, since when he has followed general farming.

Mr. Roland was married Feb. 25, 1901, in Indiana, to Rosa Sinsenbigler, a daughter of H. B. Sinsenbigler, of South Bend township, whose ancestors were Germans. He and his wife had five children, Mrs. Roland being the third in order of birth. Her father died in 1908 and her mother in 1892. To Mr. and Mrs. Roland four children have been born, the three survivors being: Goldie L., born March 7, 1903; Elmer Ellsworth, born May 22, 1905; and Ira J., born Aug. 22, 1909. In politics Mr. Roland is a Republican and is proud of the fact that his first presidential vote was cast for William McKinley.

J. S. BECK, son of Jacob P. Beck, grandson of Peter Beck, and great-grandson of Jacob Beck, was born Oct. 24, 1856.

Peter Beck, the grandfather, lived in Armstrong county, and was in his day one of the highly respected residents of his section. He had these children: Peter, Jacob P., Esther, Susanna and George.

Jacob P. Beck, son of Peter Beck, and father of J. S. Beck, was born April 28, 1820. Farming was always his principal business in life. On April 5, 1849, he married Sophia Soxman (daughter of Christian Soxman), who was born Nov. 4, 1819, and died July 25, 1901, aged eighty-one years. They had the following children: Dr. Peter S., Susanna (who died young), George H., J. S., Christian, Dr. John A., and Dr. Joseph E. Three of the sons of this family were physicians and lived in California.

J. S. Beck attended school in the home locality and was brought up amid strictly rural surroundings on his father's homestead. Upon the death of his father Mr. Beck took the farm, which comprises 142 acres of valuable land, considerable coal and gas being found there. It was bought in 1849 by Jacob P. Beck, who erected all the buildings on the farm.

J. S. Beck married Mary B. Russell, daughter of Robert Russell, and they have the following named children: Roy, who has taught public school, now a student at Clarion State Normal School; Veda, who also taught school in Armstrong county; Bessie; John; Joseph; and Ray, who died when four years, nine months old.

Mr. Beck is a Republican, and has served his township as school director. He has one of the most desirable farms in his locality, and is numbered among the representative men and successful agriculturists of his section of Armstrong county.

ROBERT C. CLAYPOOL, retired farmer, West Franklin township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

SILAS I. NEESE, of Red Bank township, Armstrong county, was born May 24, 1888, on the farm he now occupies, the old homestead of the Neese family.

The grandfather of Silas I. Neese was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., and on coming to Armstrong county settled in Red Bank township, on what was later known as the Jesse Reinhart farm, near New Salem. Later he moved to Forest county, Pa., where he continued to carry on general farming until his death, and he is buried in that county. He was a Democrat in politics. He married Catherine Shuman, who died Aug. 1, 1885, and is buried in the United Evangelical cemetery at North Freedom, Armstrong county. They had children as follows, besides Jacob, father of Silas I. Neese: Susanna, who married Dr. Emmanuel Rettinger (both are deceased); George, deceased, who married Polly Haines, and lived at Oak Ridge, Armstrong county; Catherine, who married Aaron Holben (both are deceased); John, who married Mary Ann Emery, and lived in Tennessee (she is deceased); Hetty, who was the wife of Eli Haines, of Emerickville, Jefferson county (both are deceased); Mary, wife of W. R. Darrah (both are deceased); Sarah, wife of James Steele, of Brookville, Jefferson county; Isaac, who died in infancy; Lydia, who died in infancy; and Mary, who was burned to death when two years old.

Jacob Neese, father of Silas I. Neese, was born at Leatherwood, Clarion Co., Pa., and was a child when the family moved to Red Bank township, where he received a common school education. He worked for his father on the farm and was twenty-one years old when he went to Forest county, where he continued with his father until he went into the service during the Civil war. On Aug. 28, 1861, he enlisted from Armstrong county in Company G, 105th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Captain Freas, and was mustered in at Pittsburgh for three years' service. This regiment, which was attached to the 2d Brigade, 2d Division, 3d Corps, Army of the Potomac, was commanded by Col. A. A. McKnight until his death. Mr. Neese took part with his regiment in the following notable engagements: Yorktown, April 5—May 2, 1862; Williamsburg, May 5, 1862; Fair Oaks, May 31, 1862; White Oak Swamp, June 30, 1862; Malvern Hill, July 1, 1862; Bristoe Station, Aug. 22, 1862; second Bull Run, Aug. 30, 1862; Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862; Chancellorsville, May 1-4, 1863; Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863; Auburn, Kelly's Ford, Nov. 7, 1863; Mine Run, December, 1863; Wilderness, May 5-7, 1864. On May 6th he was injured, receiving a gunshot wound on the right side of his head, and he was sent to a hospital in Washington, D. C., where he remained for ten days. Thence he was sent to Baltimore, Md., for two weeks, and from there to York, Pa., for a short time, until able to rejoin his regiment at Pittsburgh, at which place he was honorably discharged, Aug. 28, 1864. During his service Mr. Neese was captured twice and was home twice on furlough.

Mr. Neese had bought a farm of thirty acres in Forest county, and after the war he bought a tract of seventy-three acres, adding to his possessions as he prospered until he owned two hundred acres. He was actively engaged in general farming until his death, which occurred Nov. 5, 1910, and he is buried in the Eddyville cemetery. He was a useful citizen of his locality, serving a number of terms as supervisor, and he was a prominent member of the McWilliams United Evangelical Church, in Red Bank township, serving as treasurer of both Church and Sunday school. Politically he was a Republican.

On Aug. 21, 1861, Mr. Neese married Susanna Emery, who was born July 20, 1844, daughter of George and Catherine (Hilliard) Emery. They had a family of five children, namely: Anna Clara, wife of Albert Wombler, of Jefferson county; Mary Catherine, wife of A. C. Smith, of Red Bank township; William P., who married Margaret Burket, and lived in Red Bank township; Robert E., of Red Bank township, who married Annie Sherry; and Silas I. The farm was divided among the children upon the father's death, Silas I. receiving the homestead.

George Emery, father of Mrs. Neese, was born May 13, 1813, in Northampton county, Pa., where his father settled after coming to America and passed the remainder of his life. George Emery came to Red Bank township, Armstrong county, and bought a farm of one hundred acres, part of which lies over the line in Jefferson county. He carried on farming all his life, from this region moving to Tennessee, where he bought a tract of 125 acres, which he cultivated for twenty years. He died there in 1881 at the age of sixty-eight years, and is buried in that State. His wife subsequently sold the Tennessee property and returned to Red Bank township, buying a tract of five acres and a home from her son-in-law, Jacob Neese. She passed her closing years, however, with her daughter

Sarah, Mrs. Holben, in Butler county. She was born in 1820, daughter of Francis and Susanna (Eckert) Hilliard, of Leatherwood, Clarion county, and died in 1908 at the age of eighty-eight years; she is interred in the Lutheran Church ground in Ringgold township, Jefferson county. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Emery: Mary Ann, deceased, married John Neese, of Tennessee; Susanna is the widow of Jacob Neese; John married Maria Fisher, and lived in Red Bank township (she is deceased); Sarah Jane married John Holben, of Butler county, Pa.; Catherine, deceased, was the wife of James Duncan, of Coffee county, Tenn.; Priscilla died when three years old. The father of this family was originally a Democrat in politics, but later became a Republican, and he was a Union sympathizer during the Civil war, in which he served two years as a member of the 2d Pennsylvania Cavalry; he was discharged on account of sickness. He served as supervisor of his township, and was a member of the Lutheran Church. His daughter, Mrs. Neese, is a member of the United Evangelical Church at McWilliams, to which she has belonged for over fifty years.

Silas I. Neese has always resided on the home farm in Red Bank township. He received his education in the local schools, working for his father until the latter's death, when he inherited the homestead property. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. Neese married Esther Ruth Snyder, daughter of Daniel and Laura Alice (Weaver) Snyder, of Jefferson county, Pa., and they have one child, William Ivan, born April 14, 1912.

Walter Snyder, grandfather of Mrs. Neese, was a farmer in Porter township, Jefferson county, until his death. He was of German stock. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Elizabeth Sherry, had children as follows: John, who died while serving in the army; Henry, of Jefferson county, who married Catherine Milliron; Simon, deceased; William, of Oklahoma, who married Caroline Commandeiner; David, deceased, who married Elizabeth Ellenberger; Conrad, who died young; Daniel; Catherine, who died young. Mr. Snyder's second marriage was to Annie Blanchard, who came from Germany, and they had four children: George, Mary, Samuel and William Weaver, all deceased. The mother of this family survives, living with Mrs. Daniel Snyder in Ringgold township, Jefferson county. She is a member of the Lutheran Church, to which her husband also belonged. He and his first wife are buried in the Lutheran graveyard in Ringgold township.

Daniel Snyder, father of Mrs. Neese, was born April 19, 1855, in Jefferson county, Pa., and received his education in the schools of Ringgold township. Until he reached his majority he worked for his father, later buying the farm of seventy-five acres from his father in Ringgold township, the place he is still occupying, and he has been a successful farmer. He has served as supervisor and school director of his township, is a Democrat in politics, and holds membership in the Lutheran Church in Ringgold township, Jefferson county.

Mr. Snyder married Laura Alice Weaver, daughter of Amos and Eliza (Albert) Weaver, and they have had five children: Annie, wife of Robert McCanna, of Armstrong county; Lowry, living on the farm in Jefferson county, who married Della Fisher; Mattie, who died when nineteen years old; Esther Ruth, born Dec. 16, 1892, who is the wife of Silas I. Neese; and Iva Alma, at home.

CHARLES PRAGER, Freeport, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, dealer in choice home dressed beef, veal, pork and lamb, smoked meats and provisions.

BERNARD COYLE, late of South Buffalo township, Armstrong county, was a native of that township, born Nov. 16, 1826, son of William and Sallie (McBride) Coyle. The parents were born in Ireland, and on coming to America first settled on Buffalo creek, where Mr. Coyle had a gristmill and farm. Later they located in South Buffalo township, where their son Bernard afterward lived, and here they both died. We have the following record of their children: (1) Thomas E., born Dec. 10, 1819, died in South Buffalo township. (2) Elizabeth, born Jan. 8, 1822, married Joseph Skilton, of Clinton, Pa. (3) John, born Jan. 28, 1824, was a well driller, at Oil City, Pa. (4) Bernard is mentioned below. (5) Bridget, born Jan. 27, 1829, married Hugh McCollough. (6) Sarah, born March 5, 1832, married William Brinton, of Brookfield, Pa. (7) Mary, born March 6, 1834, married a Mr. Hartman, of South Buffalo township. (8) William B., born March 28, 1836, died young. (9) Henry, born Aug. 12, 1842, is a retired farmer living at Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

Bernard Coyle was educated in the public schools near his home. He lived with his maternal grandparents, the McBrides, until they died, after which he worked at home

for some time. Later he was engaged at boating on the river. After his marriage he settled upon the old home place in South Buffalo township, remaining there until his death, which occurred April 29, 1901. He was a highly successful farmer, and gave all his attention to his own affairs, taking no active part in public life or interests, though he was a public-spirited citizen and a much esteemed man in his home community. In political connection he was a Democrat.

Mr. Coyle was married to Marsha M. A. Brinton, who was born March 9, 1838, five miles from Pittsburgh on the Brownsville road. Her father, James Brinton, was of German extraction, and was born near Pittsburgh. He lived at East Liberty, Pa., later moving to Godfrey, Pa., where he obtained a farm which he lost afterward. Moving to Clinton, Armstrong Co., Pa., he had a store there. His wife, Christina (Feth) who was also of German stock, died at Clinton; he died at DeHaven, Pa. They were members of the M. E. Church. They had children as follows: Jane, born April 22, 1832, wife of Henry Coffman, of Clinton, Pa.; Annie Eliza, born June 13, 1834, who married John Coyle (now deceased) of Oil City, Pa.; William, born March 16, 1836, who married Ann Coyle, and lives at DuBois, Pa.; Marsha M. A., widow of Bernard Coyle; John P., born April 10, 1840, who died young; Amanda M., born Feb. 22, 1844, who married Stephen McCue; Francis, born on Aug. 27, 1848, who died young; and A., born 1850, who now lives in Florida.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Coyle were born the following children: (1) Sarah married Edward Dillon and lives at the home place. (2) Mary is at home. (3) Anna, widow of John Flinn, has five children, Hugh, William, James, Elizabeth and Catherine. They live in Allegheny, Pa. (4) William F., hotel proprietor at Pittsburgh, Pa., married Bridget Murphy and has two children, Mary E. and William F. (5) Henry F. died at the age of twenty-eight years. (6) Bernard first entered the army in 1892 and is now serving in Company D, 26th Infantry, United States Regular Army, at Fort Wagner, under his third enlistment. He was in all of the land battles in Cuba. (7) Elizabeth is deceased. (8) Lawrence, employed as a stationary engineer at Chicago, Ill., married Catherine McCollough. (9) Florence is the wife of Joseph Bessett, of Brackenridge, Pa., and has one son, Joseph D.

Mrs. Coyle built the brick house now standing on the farm in 1905. It is a three-story modern dwelling of fourteen rooms, beautifully situated overlooking the Allegheny river. The family is highly respected for substantial qualities and genuine worth.

WILLIAM P. BORLAND, deceased, who was a large landowner and extensive farmer in Wayne township, Armstrong county, was a member of the now somewhat numerous family founded in that section by his grandfather, Robert Borland.

Robert Borland was born in 1767 in County Donegal, Ireland, and coming to this country settled in 1821 in Salem township, Westmoreland Co., Pa. In 1831 he removed to that part of Armstrong county, Pa., now known as Wayne township, and locating one mile from the borough of Dayton, took up 119 acres of land, which he farmed for the rest of his active life. He died there Dec. 15, 1850, aged eighty-three years. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. His wife, Jane (Borland), also of Ireland, was born about 1767 and died May 5, 1840, at the age of seventy-three. They had four sons: William, Robert, James and John, all born in Ireland, and all of whom came with the parents to America. They all settled in what is now Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., purchasing large tracts of land adjoining their father's place, having altogether about ten hundred and fifty acres. They followed farming.

William Borland, son of Robert, was born in 1803 and was a young man when he came from his native Ireland to America. He first settled in Westmoreland county, where he followed farming, and later removing to Armstrong county, bought about six hundred acres of land, for the most part covered by timber. He built a log house and made a permanent home here, devoting the remainder of his life to the improvement of his property. Here he died Oct. 28, 1874, aged seventy-one years, nine months, twenty-six days. He was a man well known in the locality in his day, an Episcopalian in religious connection, and in politics a Republican during his later years. On March 29, 1831, Mr. Borland married Margaret Gartley, who was born in 1801, daughter of Andrew Gartley, of Westmoreland county, and she survived him a short time, dying July 8, 1876, aged seventy-five years, two months. They are buried in the Glade Run cemetery in Wayne township. The following children were born to their union: Robert, born Jan. 1, 1832, who died

young; John W., born April 19, 1833, now deceased; Mary J., born Aug. 18, 1834; George G., born May 24, 1836-37, who died in 1895 (he served in the Civil war); William P., born Feb. 20, 1839; and Robert J., born Dec. 3, 1840, who died in 1909 (he served in the Civil war).

William P. Borland was born Feb. 20, 1839, in Wayne township, and there began his education in the common schools, later attending Glade Run Academy. When eighteen years old he began to teach school, and followed that profession for several winters in Wayne township. Meantime he also began farming, his first purchase being a tract of about 130 acres, and later he purchased about 130 more. He continued to live on the farm now occupied by his son J. Roscoe Borland until his death, and was a substantial, useful and respected man among all the friends and acquaintances. During the Civil war Mr. Borland served in the Union army. He was a Republican in politics and believed in doing his share in the management of local affairs, serving many years as school director and as secretary and treasurer of the school board. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and also identified with the Sunday school. Mr. Borland died Sept. 5, 1905.

On April 26, 1866, Mr. Borland married Miss B. C. Williams, daughter of William Williams, who was born in Wales and came to America when two years old, the family settling in Center county, Pa., where he passed the rest of his life. Mrs. Borland now resides in the borough of Dayton, where she built a fine residence in 1908. She is a member of Glade Run Presbyterian Church. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Borland: J. Roscoe is mentioned below; Robert M. died when two years old; Alonzo C., who married Callie Say, is living in Dayton, Pa.; Viola M. married Mason Marshall and is living in Wayne township; Dr. James C., who married Elmina M. Marshall, is residing in Falls Creek, Jefferson Co., Pennsylvania.

J. Roscoe Borland, who is now engaged in farming on his father's old home place, was born there April 24, 1867. He obtained his education in the local schools and then became familiar with farm work under his father's tuition, in time taking part of the homestead, which contained 200 acres of valuable land. He has a fine place, which gives evidence to the intelligent and up-to-date methods used in its cultivation. For several years he was one of the managers of the Dayton Fair Association. He is a Republican in politics and a Presbyterian in religion, belonging to the Glade Run Church; he has taken an active part in the work of the church and Sunday school. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F. and one of the prominent workers of his lodge, of which he is a past grand.

In 1896 Mr. Borland married Margaret Milliron, daughter of Ross and Martha J. (Elgin) Milliron. They have two children, Wilda Maine and John M.

CHARLES T. STIVANSON, manager for the Atlantic Refining Company at Kittanning, was born March 29, 1873, in Armstrong county, Pa., son of George Washington Stivanson.

George W. Stivanson, grandfather of Charles T. Stivanson, traced his ancestry back to Peter Stuyvesant, as the name was then spelled, first governor of New York. The latter came of Holland descent. George W. Stivanson was a stonemason by trade, and followed that calling the greater part of his life, residing in Armstrong county.

George Washington Stivanson, father of Charles T. Stivanson, served for more than twenty-three years as a constable in Armstrong county, and for several years was special detective for what is now the Pennsylvania railroad. His family consisted of four children: Charles T., Nannie, Margaret, and Mary (who died young).

Charles T. Stivanson attended the Kittanning public schools, and learned the trade of poster, serving an apprenticeship of five years. For several years thereafter he worked at his trade, but later went to New Cumberland, W. Va., where he was employed for a while. Returning to Kittanning he was engaged at the "Reynolds Hotel" for a time. In 1896 he became identified with the Atlantic Refining Company, rising to his position as special agent or general manager of the Kittanning district, and in his work is justifying the confidence placed in him and his ability.

In 1896 Mr. Stivanson was married to Gertrude E. Walker, daughter of George Walker, of Kittanning. Mr. and Mrs. Stivanson have four children: Edna, Fay, Charles and George W. Mr. Stivanson is a member of the Episcopal Church of the borough.

THOMAS JOHNSTON, a retired business man of Apollo, Armstrong county, was born Nov. 30, 1831, in Indiana county, Pa., son of Thomas and Margaret (Johnston) Johnston.

Thomas Johnston (the father) was born in

Ireland, and his father came to the United States with a family of three children in 1820. After a short stay in the east he moved to Blairsville, Pa., where he took a contract for furnishing coal to the Porter Salt Works, in Indiana county. In 1832 he went to Pittsburgh, engaged in the draying business, and remained there until his death in 1836. His widow, born in Northumberland county, Pa., survived until 1887.

Thomas Johnston, son of Thomas, attended the common schools until he was ten years old, when he began working in the rolling mills in Pittsburgh. In 1860 he came to Apollo, and for three years worked in the rolling mills here. These mills long ago passed out of existence, but are remembered by the older residents. As member of the firm of Johnston, Taylor & Co., Mr. Johnston then built a plant for the manufacture of fire-brick, the concern being known as the Apollo Fire Brick Company. The company was organized by James M. and J. C. Taylor, and Thomas and Andrew Cornagy. Mr. Johnston withdrew after three years' connection with them to engage in a stone and pottery business at Apollo under his own name. He manufactured crocks and jugs, continuing in this line from 1867 to 1874, when he went to Canton, Ohio, to embark in the retail furniture business, which he carried on six years. Returning to Apollo in 1881 he resumed the manufacture of fire-brick, and in 1882 went to Climax, Armstrong county, where he operated a brick manufacturing plant for six years. His next work was at Pittsburgh, as agent for the Climax Fire Brick Company, though he continued to make his home at Apollo. Resigning that position he returned to do business in the latter place, where in 1903 he embarked in the manufacture of silica brick. He conducted operations along that line until 1910, in which year he sold his interests, and has since lived retired.

On Nov. 24, 1860, Mr. Johnston married, in Pittsburgh, Sarah Thompson, and six children have been born to this union, four of whom are living: Margaret J., John F., Carrie Elizabeth and Anna Bell. Mr. Johnston is a Republican, and served for four years as postmaster at Apollo, having been appointed to that office by President McKinley. His business career was one of honest and successful endeavor, and he holds the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

JOHN R. LONG, vice president of the First National Bank of Leechburg, is one of the foremost business men of that borough, though at present leading a life of comparative retirement. He was born Jan. 20, 1843, near Worthington, in Franklin township, Armstrong county, son of John S. Long.

Mr. Long's grandfather was a farmer in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he died. Little is known of his history, his death having occurred many years ago. His children were Jacob, John S. and Abigail (the latter never married). Of these, Jacob had four sons who served in the Civil war, one of them, John, being a member of the 139th Pennsylvania Regiment; he lost one of his legs in battle, and received a medal from General Grant for conspicuous bravery in placing the Union flag on some works that had been captured.

John S. Long, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., but after his marriage moved to Armstrong county, Pa., being one of the early settlers in Franklin township. He was a farmer, and followed that occupation until his death, which occurred in the year of 1897. He was a very active member of the Methodist Church. His wife, Mary A. (Swank), daughter of Daniel Swank, was like himself a native of Westmoreland county, and they are buried in the Middlesex cemetery in this county. They had the following children: John R.; Jacob, who lives near Butler, Pa.; Elizabeth, widow of Robert Wason, residing in Kittanning; Nancy, who married Jacob Coler; Margaret, who married Harvey Fair; and Etta, Mrs. Russel.

John R. Long attended district school in his native township during the winter months in his boyhood, his advantages being somewhat limited. But he had plenty of practical training. He was employed among farmers until his enlistment, in 1862, in Company H, 78th Pennsylvania Regiment, and later he veteranized in Company B, 78th Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers, remaining in the service until the close of the war. He was in many of the important engagements in which Sherman's army took part and after the capture of Atlanta saw continuous service. Mr. Long was discharged at Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 11, 1865, and was mustered out at Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 18, 1865. Returning home he became an engineer at the Jones & Laughlin Mills, then in South Pittsburgh, Pa., and in 1872 located at Leechburgh, with which place he has since been identified. His first

employment here was running an engine for Roger & Burchfield at the steel mills, and during his service there he was the first man to suggest to the management that natural gas could be piped from across the river for use as fuel. He was laughed at at first, but before long gas was introduced into the plant, and Mr. Long made the first burner, which was placed in the furnace and boilers and proved a success. So far as known, this is the first time natural gas was ever used for this purpose, and its use is continued to this day. Mr. Long was employed at this mill for fourteen months, after which, on a capital of three hundred dollars, he engaged in the grocery bnsiness. Later he branched out, becoming a general merchant, and was thus engaged until 1907, when he retired. Mr. Long, by strict attention to business and to the wants of his patrons, established a large trade, which never diminished during his long business career, and he was one of the most reliable merchants of the borough, his methods and standards being above question. Though he has given up his store he is not without employment. It was through his efforts that the First National Bank of Leechburg was organized, and he was elected vice president, which office he continues to hold. This bank is on the "roll of honor," a fact which stands to the credit of all its officers.

Mr. Long was one of the organizers and is a charter member of John A. Hunter Post, No. 123, G. A. R., of Leechburg, and he is past commander of that post. He has no party connections, voting independently.

In 1868 Mr. Long married Esther A. Johnson, daughter of Wilson Johnson, and they have had five children: William (deceased), Edward C., Calvin A., Daisy (who died young) and John W. (at home).

CALVIN A. LONG, of Leechburg, Armstrong county, was born in that borough Aug. 20, 1873, son of John R. Long. There he received his education in the public schools, attending high school until he reached the age of sixteen years. He then entered business life in his native borough, where he conducted a general store for four years. After that he was out of business until he opened his present establishment, in 1896, having the only department store in Leechburg. The store, which is located on Market street, is stocked with all the latest and most desirable merchandise in his line, and Mr. Long has become well known in and around Leechburg for the quality of his goods and the courteous service rendered to all who patronize his establishment. His high-principled business methods and personal interest in pleasing customers have made him popular with all who have had dealings with him. Few business men in Leechburg are better known or enjoy higher standing. He is vice president of the Acme Natural Gas Company of Leechburg, which operates several wells; he was one of the organizers and a director of the Leechburg Electric Light Plant, now the Pittsburgh & Allegheny Railway Company, which operates a line between Leechburg and Apollo. Mr. Long is also one of the stockholders in the First National Bank of Leechburg, of which his father is vice president.

In 1898 Mr. Long was married to Carrie Kirkwood, daughter of James Kirkwood, of Kittanning, Armstrong county. They have had two children: Chauncey, who died when three years old; and Kenneth.

Mr. Long is a past exalted ruler of the lodge of Elks and a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is associated with the Republican party.

MARTIN L. McINTIRE, who has a large farm in Wayne township, Armstrong county, near Dayton, was born near Echo, in this section, Sept. 21, 1860, and belongs to a family which has been settled here since the time of his grandfather. Some of its members spell the name McIntyre.

John McIntire, the grandfather, was of Scotch-Irish descent. He lived for some years in Westmoreland county, Pa., thence removing to Armstrong county, and settling near Echo, where he purchased a large farm, and devoted the rest of his life to its cultivation. His children were: John, who became a Methodist minister; Daniel S.; Alexander, who died in Kansas; Altman, who died in Adams county, Ohio; Mary A., who married George McIntire, and died at Echo; and Catherine, who married John Wilson, and died in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

Daniel S. McIntire, son of John McIntire, was born in Westmoreland county, near Latrobe, and came to Armstrong county with his parents. He followed farming in Wayne township throughout his active years, dying in 1893. He married Martha Lias, daughter of Peter Lias, and to this union were born the following children: Elsie J., born Feb. 27, 1856, who died April 8, 1857; John W., born Jan. 23, 1858; Martin L., born Sept. 21, 1860; Emma R., born Feb. 5, 1863, who married Turney A. Troutman; Mary Ellen, born

July 12, 1867, who died Dec. 26, 1877; and William L., born Jan. 22, 1871, who is living on the old homestead. The mother of this family died Dec. 10, 1878.

Martin L. McIntire received his education in the public schools. He remained with his father until he attained his majority, when he began farming on his own account on his grandfather's homestead, living there until his removal, in 1892, to his present place near Dayton borough. Here he bought the old Knox farm, which contains over two hundred acres of valuable land, finely located and with a beautiful view. There is no better land anywhere in Armstrong county, and besides having unusual surface value it is underlaid with coal, which adds materially to its worth. Mr. McIntire's home, which he built in 1896, is a handsome and convenient dwelling, and all the improvements which he has made upon the property show intelligence and good judgment. He is very progressive in his ideas and willing to work for what he thinks will advance the interests of the community. He was one of the organizers of the Dayton Normal Institute, and is at present serving as trustee; for several years he was one of he managers of the Dayton Fair Association; he has served his township as school director; and he is one of the active members of the Dayton M. E. Church, of which he is steward. In politics he is a Democrat.

In June, 1884, Mr. McIntire married Lucy Beck, daughter of John and Lovina (Geiger) Beck, and they have had children as follows: Edith, who died young; Meade L.; Grace E., who is the wife of L. J. Cunningham; Roy W.; Anna, who died young; Alma B., and Edwin M.

J. C. RUPP, Yatesboro, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

JUDGE THOMAS WHITE, of Indiana, Indiana Co., Pa., president judge of the "Old Tenth" Judicial district, then composed of the counties of Armstrong, Cambria, Indiana, Somerset (soon transferred to another district) and Westmoreland, was born Dec. 14, 1799, and died July 22, 1866.

Thomas White read law in the office of William Rawle in the city of Philadelphia, and after his admission to the bar, in 1821, located in Indiana, and commenced the practice of his profession. He was then aged about twenty-one years, and was very soon in successful practice. He was also agent of George Clymer, who owned a large quantity of land in Indiana county. He was appointed president judge of the Tenth Judicial district in 1836, succeeding Judge John Young (who resigned), and served his full term, until 1847. As the constitution of the State then was, Judge White was appointed for life or, as the technical expression of his commission is, "dum bene sese gesseret" (while he behaves himself). But a new constitution was framed in 1838, which changed the term of president judges to ten years. Under this change Judge White's term expired January, 1847. Francis R. Shunk, a Democrat, being governor, refused to reappoint Judge White, who was a Whig, although a large majority of the people of the district petitioned for his reappointment. The Senate, however, having a Whig majority, rejected all the governor's nominees for the vacancy. When the Legislature adjourned no one was commissioned to succeed Judge White. But Governor Shunk appointed Jeremiah M. Burrell for a year to hold the courts. This created legal controversy. To avoid further controversy, and at the request of Judge White and his friends, John C. Knox of Tioga county was appointed in the spring of 1848 to fill the vacancy. Judge White was an eminent lawyer, a just judge, and presided over the several courts of his district with distinguished ability. He was instrumental in establishing the Indiana County Agricultural Society, was one of its main projectors and supporters, and its president from its origin until his death. He devoted much of his time to agricultural pursuits.

JUDGE HARRY WHITE, youngest child of Judge Thomas White and his wife Catharine Brooks (McConnell), was born at Indiana, Indiana Co., Pa. A graduate of Princeton College, he read law with his father, Judge Thomas White. Was admitted to practice in 1856. After his admission commenced the practice of his profession, and became a member of the law firm of White & Coffey. Early in life he took an active part in political affairs; has held many important political positions. In 1863 was State senator, and also from 1866 to 1874; was a delegate to the Constitutional convention in 1873. He also represented his district two terms in Congress. He was mustered into the service of the United States in 1861 as major of the 67th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers; passed through the various grades to colonel of regiment. Was discharged Feb. 22, 1865. Brigadier general March 2, 1865. Was a prisoner from June 15, 1863, to Sept. 29, 1864. Was elected judge

of the Fortieth Judicial district, Indiana county, in 1884, and served his full term. Was reelected in 1894 and served his second term ending Jan. 1, 1905. He was for many years in the practice of his profession, and was one of the leading members of the bar, and a successful lawyer. He has held the position of member of board of directors of the State Normal School at Indiana; a stockholder in the First National Bank, and also of Indiana County Deposit Bank, and the owner of a large body of land in Indiana county; and is interested in the material development of the county. He is a member of Indiana Post, No. 28, Grand Army of the Republic.

FREDERICK C. MONKS, M. D., one of the distinguished physicians of Armstrong county, and a public-spirited citizen of Kittanning, was born at Curllsville, Pa., May 30, 1861, son of Thomas B. and Emily F. (Rohrer) Monks and grandson of William Monks.

Rev. William Monks, his grandfather, was a Methodist preacher who ministered to the people in a number of communities in Pennsylvania during his active years. He died at Tallmadge, Ohio, about 1869.

Thomas B. Monks, son of William, served as a captain in the Union army during the Civil war, being in charge of Company C, 62d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, but after two years was obliged to resign on account of failing health. After recovering his health he became a contractor, and later a merchant. Subsequently he was made cashier of the bank at Tidioute, Pa., and while occupying that position was appointed postmaster. He also served as deputy sheriff. Having studied civil engineering in his youth, he put his knowledge of that profession to use throughout his life. When death claimed him, he was a resident of Kansas City, Mo., dying from the results of a fall while he was superintending some work for which he had a contract. His three children were: William, who died when six years old; Dr. Frederick C.; and May, widow of William M. Byers, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Frederick C. Monks attended public and high school in Tidioute, Warren county, later entering Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., from which he was graduated in the class of 1882. He then entered the drug business at Kittanning with George S. Rohrer & Co., subsequently removing to Valley City, N. Dak., where he continued in the same line. Resolving upon a medical career, he entered the University Medical College of Kansas City, Mo., and was graduated therefrom in March, 1891. That same year, he came back to Kittanning, which has continued to be his home, and here he has built up a large and constantly increasing practice. Professionally he belongs to the Armstrong County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Dr. Monks has served the county medical society both as secretary and president, and has been sent several times as delegate to both the State and National medical conventions. Fraternally he belongs to Blue Lodge No. 244, F. & A. M., of Kittanning, and to Orient Chapter No. 247, R. A. M. His religious home is in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1900 Dr. Monks married Mabel A. Allison, daughter of Dr. Thomas M. Allison, of Kittanning. Two children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Monks, Margaret A. and Emily A.

JAMES A. McCLURE for a number of years carried on the grocery business now conducted by his sons under the firm name of McClure Brothers, in Kittanning, but is now living practically retired. He is a native of Armstrong county, born on a farm, son of James and Martha (Peoples) McClure.

James McClure, the father, was born in Ireland, and coming to Philadelphia when a young man remained there for some time, doing whatever work he could find. He married there, and with his wife moved west to Armstrong county, Pa., locating at Pine Creek Furnace, in what is now Valley township, and engaging in farming. Later he moved to Wayne township. He died in 1895 or 1896, at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife passed away a year later, at the same age. They were the parents of eight children: Joseph, who is deceased; William, deceased; J.; Martha and James A., twins; Margaret; Catherine, and John.

James A. McClure obtained his education in the common schools near home, and grew up on the farm, where he remained until he reached the age of twenty-five years. He then embarked in the grocery business in the borough of Kittanning, and by honorable methods and first-class goods built up an extensive trade, which increased from year to year. He made investments in other lines as he was able, and some time ago turned the grocery business over to his two sons, who operate it under the firm name of McClure Brothers. They have two establishments, one on South Jefferson street and one on Grant avenue. They are enterprising and wide-awake young men, and under their management the business is being held up to the old standards and modernized as the demands of trade necessitate and opportunity permits.

In 1881 Mr. McClure was married to Bertha Bish, a native of Armstrong county, daughter of Samuel Bish, and they have had a family of three children: Edna Bell, who is deceased; Harry Delbert, and Richard. The family home is a commodious and modern residence on Reynolds street, Kittanning.

J. W. GEORGE, miller and electrician for the Elder's Ridge and West Lebanon Telephone Company, was born Aug. 29, 1868, in South Bend township, Armstrong Co., Pa. His parents were Jacob and Mary Jane (Crawford) George.

Jacob George was born in Pennsylvania, and spent his life in his native state. He was well known in Armstrong county, for he was a skilled mechanic and followed the carpenter's trade, and there are a number of substantial residences in this section which attest his good workmanship and honest methods. He was a quiet, unassuming man, one who performed every duty well and was respected and esteemed by those who knew him. He was a member of the German Reformed Church at Zion's Valley. He married Mary Jane Crawford, whose father, William Crawford, was born in Ireland, and located a half mile from the birthplace of his grandson, J. W. George, in South Bend township. Jacob George died in 1897, having survived his wife. Three sons and one daughter were born to them, two of the family still surviving: J. W. and W. C., the latter being a well-known architect at Pittsburgh.

J. W. George attended the common schools. Becoming interested in electricity, he made a business of electrical work, and now fills the position of wire chief for the Elder's Ridge and West Lebanon Telephone Company, constructing and repairing the wires on the line they operate. He is considered a very capable man in this line. During the winter season he also operates a feed mill, at Olivet, Pa., which has the capacity to grind two hundred bushels of feed daily, and he supplies the local trade. His mill is well equipped and is operated by steam.

In politics Mr. George is a Democrat. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Elder's Ridge.

S. R. SAUNDERS, Leechburg, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

DAVID H. WOLFF, one of the leading farmers of East Franklin township, Armstrong county, lives on the old Hooks farm, where Mrs. Wolff's parents made their home for sixty years. He was born Oct. 18, 1867, in Washington township, this county, son of Valentine Wolff, and is of German extraction, his great-great-grandparents being obliged to leave Germany because they were found to have a Bible in their possession.

Jacob Wolff, great-grandfather of David H. Wolff, was born in Bedford county, Pa. He had a large family, ten sons and one daughter, of whom John, David and George settled in Sugar Creek township, Armstrong county; Mathias, Isaac and Joseph settled with their father in Plum Creek township, where Jacob, Sr., died, and Solomon and Jacob settled in Kittanning township. The daughter, Christina, married Jacob Williams, of Armstrong county.

John Wolff, son of Jacob, was born in Bedford county, and eventually settled in Armstrong county, Pa. He married Margaret Sandle, of Westmoreland county, and their children were: Michael, Mathias, Eva, Christina, Jacob, John, Valentine, George, Diana and Margaret.

Valentine Wolff, son of John, was born in Sugar Creek township, Armstrong county, and grew up in Washington township, there receiving his education in the common schools. For ten years he taught music. In early manhood he went to Venango county, Pa., and worked in the timber and the oil field on Oil Creek, in the fifties. But after his marriage, in the year 1856, he settled in Washington township, Armstrong county, and began farming on the old homestead, where he remained until his death. In 1856 he married Catherine Croyle, of Brady's Bend, this county, daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Meanor) Croyle, who moved from Bedford county to Armstrong county, settling at Brady's Bend. Mr. Croyle was a puddler by occupation. He was a son of David Croyle, and his wife was a daughter of Samuel Meanor; the mother's maiden name was Hamilton. Joseph and Nancy Croyle had six children, namely: Samuel, deceased, who was a sergeant in the 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war; David, a carpenter, now deceased, who was engaged on the Allegheny Valley railroad; Catherine, who is living on the old place in Washington township; Christina, now deceased, of New Kensington, Pa.; Joseph, deceased, who was a bridge contractor; and Mary, of Washington township. For his second wife Joseph Croyle married Catherine Crisman, by whom he had the following children: John, of Templeton, Pa.; Adam, also of Templeton; Sarah Ellen, deceased; and Henry, a carpenter of Washington township.

Valentine Wolff died July 18, 1908, aged seventy-nine years, at his old home in Wash-

ington township, where his widow still resides. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom we have the following record: (1) John A., a contractor and builder, at Homestead, Pa., married Jennie Barnhart, and their children are Annie, Loretta Jean and Fred. (2) Rosanna married Ernest Pattrell, of Bartlesville, Okla., and has one child, Mamie, who married John Caswell, of Buffalo, N. Y. (3) Samuel H., who lives in Allegheny county, Pa., married Flora Walton and has one son, Raymond. (4) Christina is deceased. (5) David H. is mentioned below. (6) Margaret E. is married to Dwight Wolffe, a teacher, and their children are Warren, Wade, Catharine and Blaine. (7) Wilbur V., contractor and builder, of Homestead, Pa., married Mary Chandler, and their children are George, Ethel, Florence, Wilbur and Wilma, twins, Stella and Ida. (8) Joseph O., a carpenter, who lives in Washington township, this county, married Lillie Lasher, and has children, Freda, Margaret, Maburn, Victor and Joseph. (9) Nancy A. married John Crissman and has one son, Edward. They are living on the old homestead. (10) George E., a telegraph operator, at Kittanning, Pa., married Mabel Mateer and lives in the old Mateer homestead at Mosgrove, Pa. (11) James B., a carpenter by trade, married Bertha Groves, and is at Homestead.

David H. Wolff received his education in the schools of the home neighborhood. When a young man of twenty he left home and went to work in the Lake Erie car shops at McKees Locks, where he remained for a year and a half. He then took up the trade of bridge builder, which he learned with his uncle, Joseph Croyle, being with him about five years. He became foreman of a bridge gang, being thus engaged for three years, and later worked about one year for the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company, after which he entered the Fort Wayne car shops, at Allegheny City, Pa., where he was employed for a period of ten years, as carpenter and car builder. In 1899 he came to live in Washington township, Armstrong county, where he remained four years, at the end of that time buying the Solomon Hooks homestead, in East Franklin township, upon which he has since resided. He has made many improvements upon this old place since it came into his possession. It comprises 140 acres of valuable land, 100 acres being under cultivation, and in connection with general farming Mr. Wolff raises considerable fruit, apples, peaches, pears, cherries and other small fruit. He has fine dairy stock and draft horses, and in all his work follows the most approved modern ideas and methods, which he has found profitable and well worth while. He has also dealt in timber to a considerable extent, and has done well in all his ventures, being an energetic manager and showing excellent judgment in whatever he undertakes.

Though busy with his own affairs, Mr. Wolff has found time to take an interest in public matters, has been quite active in local politics as a member of the Republican party, and has been chosen to fill several offices, the duties of which he has discharged faithfully and capably. He and his wife have been active members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and he has been a leading worker in the church and Sunday school. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Middlesex, and to the Daughters of Liberty, and is very well known over a wide territory in connection with his various activities.

On Sept. 20, 1894, Mr. Wolff married Ida F. Hooks, a native of East Franklin township, born March 27, 1870, daughter of Solomon and Susanna (Crisman) Hooks, formerly from Cambridge, Ohio, natives of Pennsylvania who settled at the place in East Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Pa., now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wolff, living there for sixty years. They both died on this place, Solomon Hooks Dec. 15, 1900, his wife, April 28, 1901. Mr. Hooks was a well-known and respected citizen of this section. They had a family of thirteen children, ten of whom became school teachers. Of these, William H., now a farmer and market gardener of Madison township, married Mary Wolff and had children, Ernest, Boyd, Maude, Hoyt and Mabel; C. C. lives in Endicott, Wash.; John Y., who is engaged in farming and the stone business in East Franklin township, married Lizzie Ritchie, and their children are Bessie, Ralph, Edgar, Eva, Chauncey D., Sharn and Henry (twins), Raymond and Anna Bell (twins), and Mary; S. Q., who is in business as a merchant at Gilmore, Effingham Co., Ill., married Rilla Stewart, by whom he had two children, Carl and Roy, and his second wife is Lizzie Smith, by whom he has one son, Glen; Eliza is deceased; Maggie is deceased; Jacob E., deceased, who was a teacher, married Priscilla Regard, and they had children, Erwin, Finley, Charles, Loyd, Jacob and Hannah (twins), Fannie, Ray and Roy (twins); Laura married Amos A. Bowser, of West Franklin township, and their children are Wilbur, Ruth, Rhoda, Louis, Sharn, Galan and Emerson; Ida is the

wife of David H. Wolff; Mary married Henry Bowser, of Henderson, W. Va., and they have one son, Elmer H.; Rebecca married Guy C. Lasher, of East Franklin township, and their children are Ida, Frank, Dorothy, Glen, Perry, Merl and Ruby.

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Wolff have two children: Mead, born Oct. 26, 1901; and Helen, born April 25, 1904.

JOHN YOCKEY, late of Valley township, Armstrong county, was at one time one of the largest landowners of that section, his holdings amounting to nine hundred acres. He belonged to one of the old-settled families of that township, was born there, and died June 18, 1901, at the age of sixty-three. His parents were Henry and Polly Yockey.

Mr. Yockey passed his early life at the old home in Valley township, and was reared to farming, but both before and at the time of his marriage he followed the oil well business. He then settled on a part of the old homestead tract in Valley township, and there passed the remainder of his life. He was content to look well after his own affairs and never aspired to public honors or cared to hold office, though he served ably as road supervisor, to which position his fellow citizens elected him. In political connection he was a Republican. He was a prosperous and substantial farmer, and stood high in the regard of all who knew him.

Mr. Yockey married Isabell Waugaman, who was born Aug. 9, 1850, at Texas, Armstrong Co., Pa., daughter of Peter and Rosanna (Schreckengost) Waugaman, and they had the following children: Mary Isadora, Rosanna (Mrs. Yost), Armour, Levi (who is unmarried), Henry, Arthur, William Robert, Elizabeth, Harvey, Cerissa, Margaret (Mrs. Gillis), Albert and George.

Peter Waugaman, father of Mrs. Isabell (Waugaman) Yockey, was born Aug. 29, 1820, in Armstrong county, son of George Waugaman, who was a farmer. Peter Waugaman also followed farming. He married Rosanna Schreckengost, who was born Dec. 22, 1829, and they became the parents of fourteen children, born as follows: Henry S., Feb. 9, 1847; Anna L., May 22, 1848 (deceased); Isabell, Aug. 9, 1850; George T., June 13, 1852 (deceased); Daniel D., March 24, 1854 (deceased); Margaret A., May 13, 1856; Elizabeth J., Sept. 10, 1857; Levi L., March 17, 1859; Cerissa L., Jan. 15, 1860 (deceased); William Robert H., Aug. 9, 1862; Peter McClellan, June 22, 1864; Louise S., March 23, 1866 (deceased); Malinda M., June 22, 1868; and R. B., March 16, 1871.

JOHN TRUBY SHIRLEY, of Freeport, Armstrong county, a resident of that borough since 1894, is engaged in business in Pittsburgh as a broker, being a member of the Consolidated Stock Exchange. Mr. Shirley is of old Pennsylvania stock. His maternal grandfather, Christofer Iman, lived at Elders Ridge, Indiana county, where he was engaged at farming. He was one of the progressive men of his time, especially interested in the question of public education.

John R. Shirley, father of John T. Shirley, conducted the "Shirley House" at Freeport for some time. He married Rachel Iman.

John T. Shirley was born in Armstrong county, Pa., near Bradys Bend, and the family removing later to Butler he received his education at that place. When about fourteen years old he entered the Union army for service in the Civil war, joining Company H, 78th Pennsylvania Regiment, under Captain Jack of Butler and Colonel Sirwell of Kittanning. He served three years and two months, at the end of that period going home to Butler, where he clerked in a store for some time. Later he was at Freeport, following the hotel business with his father in the conduct of the "Shirley House" until Oct. 19, 1869, when he married, and moved to Parker, this county. He had a hardware store at that place, and was engaged in the oil business during the great excitement, opening a hardware store at Karns City, Butler county. In 1878 he went to Bradford, Pa., for two years, during which time he was engaged as an oil producer. Thence he went to Warren, Pa., where he was engaged in the same line for fifteen years, in 1894 coming to Freeport, as previously stated. He has since followed the brokerage business, having headquarters at Pittsburgh.

On Oct. 19, 1869, Mr. Shirley married Martha A. Moorhead, and they have had four children, all of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Shirley was born at Freeport, in the house where she now resides, daughter of William Moorhead, and granddaughter of David Moorhead.

David Moorhead, her grandfather, came of a North of Ireland family which has had a number of prominent representatives in this section of Pennsylvania. William Moorhead, her father, was a cousin of Gen. James K. Moorhead, member of Congress, and one of the foremost citizens of Pennsylvania in his day. David Moorhead, the grandfather, married Martha Stanley, of Chambersburg,

Franklin Co., Pa., who was born at that place May 4, 1766, of English parentage. The Stanleys were descendants of the Earls of Derby. Four Stanley brothers were members of the celebrated Queen's horse guard, in England, composed entirely of tall men. One of Mrs. Shirley's relatives in this connection was Gen. Matthew Stanley, of Chambersburg, for whom Hon. Matthew S. Quay was named.

William Moorhead, father of Mrs. Shirley, was born Sept. 28, 1801, in Chambersburg, where he was reared. In Butler county he learned the trade of blacksmith and machinist, and after finishing his apprenticeship went to New Orleans as engineer on a steamer. He speculated in cotton and coffee, and became a man of considerable means. In 1828 he married Harriet Holmes, of Pittsburgh, and in the fall of that year came to Freeport, opening a shop here the same year. Here he made his home the remainder of his life, building his residence in 1830. His business prospered, the activities at the salt mines bringing him much work preparing and repairing tools for that industry. For several years he was a United States storekeeper, and he was also active in other ways until his retirement at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. Moorhead was a man of fine mind, a great reader, especially of history, had a strong character, and was noted for the strictest integrity in all the relations of life. Though free from pretense, and without desiring honors for himself, he was prominent in local affairs and held various offices, being a member of the council, a school director, etc. When the State of Pennsylvania was invaded, though sixty-four years old, he volunteered his services, and did post duty at Gettysburg. He was a charter member of the First Presbyterian Church of Freeport, but though frequently solicited to service as elder, refused to hold that or any other office in the church on the ground that he had decided views on some questions and had no wish to quarrel with any who might criticize his actions in that position. His character may well be judged by the friends he had, for he was an associate of such men as Judge Thomas M. Howe, Judge Wilson McCandless, and the widely known Dr. Alter, of Freeport, inventor and scientist, whose scientific discoveries have brought reputation to himself and the town; he was also an intimate friend of Edwin M. Stanton, secretary of war.

By his first wife, Harriet Holmes, Mr. Moorhead had children as follows: (1) Stanley R., an oil contractor, of Karns City, who also owned a farm, died June 1, 1898; he married Lizzie McDermit, and had two daughters, Harriet and Sevalka. (2) William Henry married Lizzie La Verea, a French Canadian, of North Dakota, where he was employed by the Hudson Bay Company, later owning a large tract of land and an undertaking establishment at Pembina, N. Dak.; the town of Moorhead, that State, was named for him. He died July 3, 1897. His children were: James, Stanley, Shepley, Mary, Delia, and one or two who died in infancy. (3) Shepley W., who died Jan. 13, 1876, unmarried, was engaged as an oil producer at Oil City, Titusville, Parker, and other places in Pennsylvania. (4) David Milton, who was engaged in the production of oil with his brother Shepley, died Aug. 17, 1894. He married Anna Rutter, of Arnold, Pa.; they had no children. He served three years in the Civil war, being a member of Company A, 8th Pennsylvania Reserves, under Captain Heney, of Kittanning, and later became a member of the U. V. L. (5) Sylvester, born Sept. 10, 1831, died Oct. 5, 1842. (6) Maxwell, born July 5, 1838, died July 10, 1838. For his second wife William Moorhead married May 4, 1845, Mary J. Miller, who was born March 1, 1815, daughter of John and Isabella (Brown) Miller, natives of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish origin, who resided on a farm one mile from Freeport, in Harrison township, Allegheny Co., Pa.; they were United Presbyterians. Mrs. Moorhead was a Presbyterian like her husband. She survived him, his death occurring Sept. 17, 1890, hers on March 20, 1894. They were the parents of six children: John died when three years old; Martha A. is the wife of John T. Shirley, of Freeport; Harriet Holmes, who was named by her mother for her husband's first wife, never married; Robert M., of Washington, Pa., a former gauger for the Standard Oil Company, married Caroline McVey, and they have one son, Robert F.; Mary Isabelle is the wife of George W. Wood, who was a contractor for the English Oil Syndicate, and they have one daughter, Mary Mildred (their family home is in Washington, Pa.); Elizabeth resides in Freeport. Mrs. Shirley may well be proud of her father's standing in Freeport. A man of superior mold, an associate and friend of the most intelligent men of the day in this locality, he was highly thought of by all who knew him, and well deserved the reputation he bore. His social qualities have been transmitted to his children, and his family have always been noted for intellect and abil-

ity. As shown by her work in oil Mrs. Shirley has natural artistic talent.

MRS. MARGARET (TRUBY) IRWIN, of Freeport, Armstrong county, is the widow of John R. Irwin, a notably successful construction engineer, and a descendant of the Truby and Murphy families, whose connection with the early history of this section may well be a matter of pride to their posterity.

John Truby, Mrs. Irwin's paternal grandfather, was a son of Col. Christopher Truby. He married Magdalena Reymer, and we have the following record of their children: (1) Henry, a leading man of his day, was captain of a packet on the old canal, and Charles Dickens was once a passenger on his boat. He married Alvina Hill, daughter of Jacob Hill, a pioneer of this county who resided in the vicinity of Leechburg, and they had five children. (2) Simon married Elizabeth Hill, sister of his brother Henry's wife, and they had eight children. (3) William was the ancestor of Mrs. Irwin.

William Truby was a prominent citizen of Freeport, and well and favorably known all over Armstrong county. He built the first canal packet that plied between Freeport and Pittsburgh, the "John Karns," so named for one of his Freeport friends. It is said of William Truby that "if his heart had been gold he would have given it to the poor." For many years he served as a justice of the peace in Freeport, and as such benefited many in the community, sparing litigation whenever possible. He married Susan Murphy, of near Freeport, daughter of Capt. Samuel Murphy, who gave distinguished service to the Colonies during the Revolutionary war. Samuel Murphy married Elizabeth Powers, a beautiful woman, a native of Virginia and member of one of the oldest families of that State. She refused a title to marry Captain Murphy, who according to family tradition was a very homely man, but of noble character. They had a large family, namely: William, Thomas, Mary, James, Elizabeth, Margaret, Samuel, Benjamin; Nancy, Susan, John and George. Of this family Susan married William Truby. To William and Susan (Murphy) Truby were born ten children, of whom Mary Elizabeth died in childhood. James Henry, who resides at Clinton, Pa., married Mary Jane Ewing; they had no children. Nancy died in infancy. Margaret is mentioned more fully below. Julia married John G. Wolf, of Painesville, Ohio, and had eight children, six of whom survived. William married Maria Patton and (second) Margaret McMillan, having two children by the first union and five by the second. Samuel J. died when four years old. George W. died in infancy. Clarissa died in infancy. One child died unnamed.

Mrs. Susan (Murphy) Truby, the mother of this family, and her sister Margaret, who never married and lived to be ninety-nine years old, were real daughters of the Revolution, and the Pennsylvania Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented them gold spoons in recognition of the fact.

Margaret Truby, daughter of William and Susan (Murphy) Truby, was first married Dec. 29, 1859, to John Burns, a native of Wilmington, Del. He was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, in December, 1862, while serving as a member of Company A, 121st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which command he had enlisted in Venango county. Mr. Burns came to Armstrong county in 1859 from Philadelphia. He was a cooper by trade, and became foreman in a barrel factory at Oil City, Pa. He was the father of two children, Susan Adelaide and William John, the former of whom is unmarried and resides with her mother at Freeport. The son, born April 29, 1863, several months after his father's untimely death, was killed Jan. 17, 1886, by an engine at Newark, Ohio, where he was chief of telegraphy. He was a man of unusual ability. He had married Louise Bingaman, of Meyersdale, Pa., and they had one daughter, Margaret S., now the wife of Elliott Matthews, Huntsville, Ala., and mother of four children, John Irwin, Margaret S., Ada Burns and Frances Elliott.

On Sept. 16, 1869, Mrs. Burns became the wife of John R. Irwin, of Livermore, Pa., and they made their home at Freeport and Clinton. No children were born to this union, but Mr. and Mrs. Irwin adopted a son, Edwin Burns Irwin, who is now engaged in managing his mother's farm at Clinton, this county. He is married to Jessie I. Ayers, of Schenley, Pa., and they have two children, Margaret Truby and John R.

Eliphalet Irwin, of Westmoreland county, grandfather of John R. Irwin, had the following sons, all of whom became farmers in Indiana county, Pa.: James, John, Joseph, Samuel, Marshall and Benjamin.

John Irwin, son of Eliphalet, married Catherine Banks.

JOHN R. IRWIN was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in an infantry company recruited at Saltsburg, Indiana county, which

had the distinction of capturing Colonel Mosby. As superintendent of the western division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad Mr. Irwin was regarded by railroad men as a genius in the line of construction work. His ambition led him to give up that connection to establish a company, the American Transportation Company, whose ore boats plied between Duluth and Painesville, Ohio. Two of the most noted vessels of this concern, the "Alex Nimick" and "John Harper," were in their day the largest ore boats afloat. Mr. Irwin was at the head of the company, and his associates were Harry Oliver and George E. Tener, of Pittsburgh, who writes thus of their association:

"I first became acquainted with Mr. Irwin in May, 1886, when he was sent to Painesville, Ohio, by Mr. Thomas M. King, president of the Pittsburgh & Western Railroad, Mr. Solon Humphries and John T. Terry, of New York. He was given charge of the construction work on the narrow gauge road from Youngstown (Ohio) to Lake Erie, Fairport, Ohio, being the lake terminal. The work was done with remarkable rapidity and thoroughness and was turned over completed the middle of August, two weeks ahead of the most sanguine expectations of the promoters.

"During the winter of 1886-87 Mr. Irwin was sent out by the Baltimore & Ohio Company to Newark, Ohio, and Chicago Junction, to raise a freight blockade, which he cleaned up in a most satisfactory manner, and in the following spring he took charge of the docks at Fairport Harbor for the various Pittsburgh interests represented there in the Consumers' Forwarding & Storage Company and the Pittsburgh & Northwestern Dock Company. This position he held until his death.

"During all these years I was most intimately associated with him and with his work on the railroad and dock management, and this association was most delightful in every respect. Never have I seen him faced up against a situation, no matter how hard and difficult, that he could not overcome, and through good and evil repute I always found him thoroughly business-like and reliable in every way, and with wonderful tact and ability in handling men and securing the best possible results, and always the same whole-souled, genial companion, no matter how hard or how strenuous the conditions might be.

"He was elected mayor of Painesville in 1894."

Mr. Irwin's personal character was as remarkable as his intellect. He was a man of generous nature, and his friend, Dr. Jessop, of Kittanning, speaks of him as one of the noblest men who ever lived. He died beloved by all Aug. 13, 1895. He took an active interest in the welfare of Painesville throughout the period of his residence there, and served as mayor of that place with his customary regard for his duty toward his fellow men. He was holding the office at the time of his death.

Mr. Irwin was a Scottish Rite Mason, member of the Knights Templars, a Shriner, and had attained the thirty-second degree, passing all the chairs. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and his wife belongs to the church of that denomination at Freeport.

GEORGE W. DAUGHERTY, brick contractor and reliable business man of Kittanning, was born at that place April 3, 1866, son of George B. and Agnes Daugherty.

Patrick Daugherty, his great-grandfather, was the first permanent settler of Kittanning. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, enlisting in Capt. James Alexander's company, which was ordered to Black Rock, N. Y. He was killed by the Indians at Lake George. Under the heading "An Indian Trader," in the chapter on Manor township, in this work, will be found an interesting account of Patrick Daugherty, and something of his father-in-law, Jeremiah Cook, who is likewise mentioned among the "First Settlers."

James Daugherty, son of Patrick, was born in Kittanning, as were his children, they being as follows: George B., James P., Homer, Augustus, Mary, Nancy and Hannah.

George B. Daugherty was a successful brick manufacturer. His children were as follows: Dora, William B., Alexander R., George W., Lusetta, Emma, John, Esther and Adella.

George W. Daugherty was educated in the public schools of Kittanning, attending them until fifteen years old. He then left home, and was apprenticed to learn the harnessmaker's trade. After four years at that work he returned to Kittanning and began learning the trade of brickmason. When he had mastered the details of this work and become an expert, he engaged in contracting for brick work, and is now one of the leaders in his line. Among the buildings he has erected are the Kittanning Academy building, Ford City high school, Schenley distillery and warehouses, New Bethlehem brewery, Kittanning brewery (complete), Logansport distillery and

warehouse, Kittanning post office building, Colwell & Arnold building, Reese building, Leechburg opera house and Klingensmith hotel, and the McGeary building at Leechburg, the warehouse for the Penwick Distilling Company at Cheswick, seven double houses for Judge J. H. Painter, and five houses for Bush Brothers. His field of operation extends over Armstrong and adjoining counties, and few men are better known than he. Fraternally he is a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Elks, and the Order of Moose, being a past dictator of Moose Lodge No. 137.

In 1887 Mr. Daugherty married Ninna Schreconghost, of Armstrong county, and they had two children: Maria O., who married Rudolph Burg, an architect of Pittsburgh, and Agnes, who married Thomas Hudson, of Kittanning. Mrs. Daugherty died in 1891. Mr. Daugherty married (second) Jessie T. Snyder, daughter of H. N. Snyder, an attorney of Kittanning, and they have had four children: Nelson, James, Josephine and Grace.

JOHN B. ELWOOD, of Leechburg, who is engaged by the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company as sheet roller, is a native of the borough in which he has passed all his life, born Jan. 21, 1878.

Mr. Elwood is a member of the fourth generation of his family in America, whither James Elwood came from the North of Ireland in company with a brother, the latter settling near Philadelphia. James Elwood came westward to Westmoreland county, and there passed the remainder of his life, reaching the ripe old age of ninety-six years. (Another account says his name was William Elwood, and that he settled on Turtle Creek, Westmoreland county, in 1783.) He was a farmer by occupation. In religion he was a strict Presbyterian.

John Elwood, son of the founder of the family in this country, was born in 1796 in Westmoreland county, three miles from Oakland Cross Roads. He learned the trade of cabinetmaker and also became a contractor and builder. Coming from Mifflin county to Warren (now Apollo), Armstrong county, about 1830-31, he followed his trade, erecting many houses at Apollo and elsewhere in the southern section of the county, kept a stable at Apollo for canal horses and was employed upon the canal. He owned several boats. He was an active citizen, and a man who interested himself in all the affairs of his day, holding various township offices. He was first a Whig in political opinion, but early took sides with the Abolition party, supporting the first Abolition ticket ever voted for in Apollo. He was one of the three men at Apollo who voted for Kimber Cleaver, the Free-soil candidate for governor of Pennsylvania. He was one of the early Methodists in his section of the county, and his wife also belonged to that church. Mr. Elwood was married at Apollo to Mary Patterson, of Washington county, Pa., who was of Kentucky stock, and whose father, Robert Patterson, was lost at sea while on the way to Europe. Mr. Elwood spent the last of his life in retirement at Apollo, dying in 1872; he is buried there. His wife died in 1880. Of the four children born to this union, all sons, Benjamin F. died in infancy. The other three, William J., Robert D. and Thomas Jefferson, became associated in the mercantile and manufacturing business at the close of the Civil war under the firm name of Elwood Brothers, the firm being dissolved in 1873, after which William remained in Apollo, where he continued to follow merchandising, and Robert D. removed to Pittsburgh, where he engaged in business. Thomas J. stayed at Leechburg. William J. is now living retired at Vandergrift, Pa. Capt. Robert D. Elwood organized Company I, 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Colonel Sirwell commanding, General Negley's brigade, and served in the Civil war as captain of that company, taking part in the battles of Stone River, Murfreesboro and Chickamauga, and was mustered out with his regiment at Kittanning. Later he entered the grain and feed business at Pittsburgh, where he became very successful. He is now living retired at Verona, in Allegheny county, Pa. He was one of the early burgesses at Leechburg. He is a member of Pittsburgh Post, G. A. R., and of the Loyal Legion of Pennsylvania.

Thomas Jefferson Elwood, son of John, was born March 4, 1844, at Apollo, and there received his education in the public schools. He learned the trade of harnessmaker, and also followed canalboating. When the war broke out he enlisted in the Union service, joining the 17th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was detailed to duty at the Allegheny arsenal as harnessmaker, being stationed there for three years, serving out his term of enlistment. Then coming to Leechburg, he engaged in the manufacture of salt, and later became interested in the grain, flour and feed business for several years, purchasing the Leechburg Flour Mill, which he operated until he sold it in 1884 to Schwalm & Elwood.

In 1878 he was elected treasurer of Armstrong county and served his term with high credit. Returning to Leechburg at the close of this service he became associated with B. F. Jennings as assistant superintendent of the West Penn Sheet & Steel Company, and later became weighmaster for Kirkpatrick & Co., at Leechburg. In 1891 he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, serving as such until his death, which occurred Feb. 22, 1906. He is buried at Leechburg. In politics Mr. Elwood was a Republican. On Jan. 12, 1877, he married Isabella Parks, daughter of James B. Parks, of Farmers' Delight, Parks township, Armstrong county, and she died Feb. 13, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood are buried side by side. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and both took an active part in its work. Mr. Elwood was a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Masons, holding membership in Kittanning Chapter, R. A. M. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Elwood: John B.; Thomas Jefferson, Jr., who is receiving teller in the First National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Robert Parks, who is with Smail & Hill, hardware merchants, at Leechburg, Pennsylvania.

John Bratten Elwood was educated at Leechburg, attending the high school there, and when sixteen years old entered the mill as a cold roller boy, later advancing to the position of sheet roller, which he still holds. Meantime he took a three years' evening business course under Professors Smeltzer and Hepler. He has been active in the community in various capacities which prove his interest in the general welfare, serving as game warden of Armstrong and Westmoreland counties and humane agent in the same district, and being assistant chief of Fire Companies Nos. 1 and 2 of the Leechburg department. The latter work has had particular interest for him. The first recorded meeting of the Leechburg Volunteer Fire Company was held Sept. 5, 1891, with Dr. J. D. Orr presiding, S. M. Anderson as recording secretary, C. H. Sloan, corresponding secretary, J. H. Parks, treasurer, M. M. Weiser, first vice president. The second recorded meeting was held Sept. 12, 1891, when J. D. Orr was elected chief, A. J. Laughrey, assistant chief, and M. M. Weiser, second assistant foreman. On Sept. 26th of that year, hose cart, hose and appliances were ordered. On Nov. 3, 1891, a hook and ladder truck was purchased from Hail Clark at Saltsburg. The fire company has lost thirteen members by death since its organization, namely: M. M. Weiser, John Martin, Frank Critsor, Harry Kunkle, David Kistler, H. Lookabaugh, Fred Schotte, H. P. McKallip, P. I. Murphy, Frank Beale, Samuel Klingensmith, Stephry J. Lock and H. W. Beale. The present officers of Mr. Elwood's company are: President, S. R. Saunders; first vice president, J. B. Cruikshank; second vice president, T. E. Jones; secretary, M. V. DeWitt; treasurer, W. C. Stevenson; trustee, P. A. McCracken; chief, Harry May; first assistant, J. B. Elwood; second assistant, Lloyd Parks. Mr. Elwood is also a member of the local lodge of Elks, No. 377, and in politics he is a Republican.

On Oct. 12, 1909, Mr. Elwood married Lena Toella, daughter of August and Fredericka Toella. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood are members of the German Lutheran Church.

WOODWARD PATTERSON BROWN, of Kittanning, though one of the younger business men of that borough associated with important interests, has had responsible connection with the Brown Drug, Book and Music Store for many years, the untimely death of his father having forced its management upon him when he was little more than a boy. He has measured up to the requirements of the business and its steady expansion forms part of the commercial history of Armstrong county. For several generations Mr. Brown's ancestors, both paternal and maternal, have figured in public and business life in Kittanning.

The Browns are descendants of such superior families as the Pattersons, Reynolds, Rohrers and Woodwards, and others of like distinction. Griffin Brown, grandfather of Woodward Patterson Brown, though he died when a comparatively young man had attained high position in Warren county, Pa. He was a prominent oil producer and served as associate judge at the time of his death. He married Elizabeth Rohrer, daughter of Frederick and Mariamne (Stevenson) Rohrer. Frederick Rohrer served as treasurer of Armstrong county, and owned the first newspaper in the county. To Griffin Brown and his wife Elizabeth (Rohrer) eight children were born: Charles, deceased, married Adelaide Leonard, was an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for many years; Frank, who married Mrs. Ida Jones, is in the oil business in Independence, Kans.; Annie married Howard M. Clarke, of Fredonia, N. Y.; Carrie, never married, lives in Tidioute; Asa, deceased, was a druggist in Kittanning; Carl, married to Gertrude Stur-

geon, of Virginia, is a real estate dealer in Philadelphia; John Rohrer is a manufacturer of Memphis, Tenn.; and George Rohrer Brown was the father of Woodward Patterson Brown.

George Rohrer Brown was born in Tidioute (near Warren), Warren Co., Pa. He was reared principally in the home of his uncle, John W. Rohrer, by whom he was adopted when ten years old, his father having been accidentally killed. His education was received in the borough schools and he learned the drug business with another uncle, George Stevenson Rohrer. In 1880 he founded the Brown Drug, Book and Music Store, now owned by his widow and managed by his son, and conducted it ably until the time of his death in 1899. George Rohrer Brown married Isabel Patterson, daughter of David Patterson and his wife Eliza (Reynolds) Patterson.

The Patterson family originated in County Donegal, Ireland, James Patterson, the great-great-grandfather of Woodward Patterson Brown, being a native of that county and a prosperous landowner. His son John Patterson, the great-grandfather, was born in what is now West Virginia and was a prosperous farmer; he married Jane Scott, of Ohio. Their son, David Patterson, was born in West Virginia. As a young man he came to Rural Village(now Rural Valley), where he was a merchant and postmaster for several years. Moving to Kittanning he built the Patterson building on Jefferson street, and became one of the most respected and highly esteemed business men of the town. He married Eliza Reynolds, daughter of David Reynolds and his wife Mary (Woodward) Reynolds, granddaughter of George Reynolds and Margaretta (Stopp) Reynolds and of Absalom Woodward. To David Patterson and Eliza (Reynolds) Patterson three children were born: Francis Elliotte married Kate Reynolds, daughter of William Reynolds, and they live in San Diego, Cal.; Woodward Patterson, deceased, married Rebecca M. Truby; Isabel Patterson became the wife of George Rohrer Brown.

Four children were born to George Rohrer Brown and his wife Isabel (Patterson) Brown: Woodward Patterson; Elizabeth Rohrer; Georgia Isabel, married to Peter Graff 3d, of Worthington, and Gladys Elliotte—all of whom were born in the Patterson homestead on Jefferson street, where their mother was born and where they still live.

Woodward Patterson Brown was born May 1, 1882, in Kittanning. He was reared and educated in the borough, attending public school. When but seventeen years old, on account of his father's death, he took charge of Brown's Drug, Book and Music Store, and has managed it ever since, the development of the business being the substantial reward of a progressive policy that has stamped him one of the most capable merchants of the borough. Personally he is held in no less esteem than in business associations, as shown by the public duties he has been asked to assume.

At present he is serving as treasurer of Applewold borough, which office he has held for several years. He is a director in the Kittanning Plate Glass Company, and a vestryman in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which his family have been members for several generations. He is a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to the chapter and blue lodge at Kittanning.

Mr. Brown married Margaret Reese, daughter of George W. and Mary M. (Donnelly) Reese, and granddaughter of Isaac Reese, a prominent manufacturer of Pittsburgh. George W. Reese, Mrs. Brown's father, is very prominent in the business and manufacturing affairs of Armstrong county.

On the maternal side Woodward Patterson Brown's great-great-grandfather was George Reynolds, a soldier in the French and Indian war; a considerable account of his family appears in the sketch of Ross Reynolds, in this work. David Reynolds, son of George, was one of the most prominent citizens of Kittanning and Armstrong county in his time. He was a member of the first board of county commissioners, postmaster, one of the trustees of the old Kittanning Academy, one of the first hotelkeepers, and one of the early merchants. His wife was a daughter of Absalom Woodward, whose public spirit and progressive disposition led him into various activities in the early days of the county, especially to the encouragement of such movements as his foresight judged to be of permanent value in furthering the general welfare. Religion and education had one of their most influential supporters in this good citizen. He was a pioneer promoter of the Bible Society in this region. Of his large family eight survived him. A fuller sketch of him appears in this work.

ALBERT MATTHEW HOOVER, M. D., physician and druggist and president of the First National Bank, at Parkers Landing, Pa., was born in Buffalo township, Butler Co.,

Pa., Oct. 31, 1844, son of David L. and Mary (Myers) Hoover.

John Hoover, a native of Dauphin county, Pa., was a pioneer of Westmoreland and Clarion counties. In his younger manhood he was a distiller, but after settling in Clarion county engaged in farming. He there purchased a tract of wild land which he cleared and then improved, residing upon it until his death. His children were five in number: David L.; George; Sarah, who married Brigham Anderson; Nancy, who married Porter Haskell; and Colwell.

David L. Hoover, son of John Hoover, was a pioneer in Buffalo township, Butler Co., Pa., where he cleared seventy-five acres of land and developed a fine farm, on which he built and operated a sawmill for a number of years. His death occurred in 1891, at the age of eighty-four years. He married Mary Myers, a daughter of Balsa Myers, a very early settler in Westmoreland county. She died in 1881, when seventy-six years old. They had three sons and three daughters born to them, namely: George G. is deceased; Emily, who is the widow of John Phillips, lives on the old homestead; Sarah, who is deceased, was the wife of Thomas Brown; Nicholas M., who is deceased, was a physician in Butler county; Nancy is deceased; Albert M. completes the family.

Albert M. Hoover was reared on the old homestead and was educated in the common schools, Freeport Academy, Leechburg Academy and Witherspoon Institute, at Butler, and during the large part of this period taught winter schools, in that way paying his own summer tuition. He began the study of medicine in 1868 and was graduated from the Cleveland Medical College in the class of 1870. In the same year he began the practice of his profession at Parker City, where he remained three and a half years. He then entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he was graduated in the class of 1874, in which year he located at Freeport. In the fall of 1876 he returned to Parker, where he has since practiced, and since 1888 has also conducted a drug store. He is a member of the Clarion County Medical Society, was one of the charter members of the Armstrong County Medical Society, and also belongs to the American Medical Association. Since 1900 he has held the position of company surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company.

Dr. Hoover has also a creditable military record. He enlisted for service in the Civil war, Feb. 14, 1865, becoming a private in Company H, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for one year, and while with his command served as company clerk and later as headquarters clerk, and in the latter part of July, 1865, owing to disability contracted in the line of duty, was sent to Mower Hospital, Philadelphia, where he was honorably discharged from the service Sept. 9, 1865, by instructions from the war department, Washington, dated May 3, 1865.

Dr. Hoover is married and has had six children: Alvira, deceased, who was the wife of George Kramer and is survived by two children, Claude and Maude G.; Sarah, who is the wife of Clifford J. Beale, of Leechburg; Albert M., Jr., who is a resident of Kittanning; Harriet, who is the wife of Benjamin F. Palmer, of Wyatt, W. Va.; Nicholas M., who resides at Parker City; and George W.

Dr. Hoover is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Parker City. Fraternally he is identified with Parker City Lodge, No. 521, F. & A. M.; and with Parker Lodge, No. 761, Odd Fellows. Politically he is a Democrat. At a meeting of the directors of the First National Bank of Parkers Landing, Nov. 28, 1911, Dr. Hoover was elected president of this financial institution.

JAMES M. HEILMAN, late of Kittanning, as president of Heilman Brothers Lumber Company was at the head of an important local industry and for years one of the leading business men of the borough. A descendant of prominent pioneer stock, he was born in Kittanning township, Armstrong county, Sept. 26, 1848, on his father's farm, and passed all his early life in the county.

The earliest known ancestor of this family was an eminent physician, "Veit, the Heilman" (literally cure-man, "heil" being the German for "heal"), who lived during an era when a man bore but a single name and was often distinguished by the name of his occupation attached thereto; through usage the definitive word became the family name or surname. Veit the Heilman was a German Palatine knighted in 1305 by the Emperor Albright (Albrecht, Albert), and given a nobility diploma, and his descendants called themselves Heilman or Heylman. (In old Pennsylvania documents and records the name is found written also Hileman and Hyleman.) Thence down to the sixteenth century the name is found in the German Genealogical Register. Many of his descendants were members of the German order of nobles, had

their family coat of arms, and occupied many places of trust and honor as generals, feudal lords and church dignitaries. Their home and achievements were in the Rhine country. One of the descendants was a partner of Gutenberg, the inventor of printing, while another, Ludwig Heilman, in 1512 wrote a celebrated hymn of triumph upon the Reformation. Philipp Veit (1793-1877), the noted German painter, was of this stock.

John Jacob Heilman, of Zutzenhausen, in the Palatinate, Germany, came to America in 1732, and to "Lebanon" township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and died there in 1753, leaving a wife, Anna Maria. Among their children were: John Adam, born in 1715, in Germany; Peter, born in 1729 (there is a tradition in the family that he was born at sea, but this does not agree with the date of emigration), who married and had children; and Anastatia or Anastatius.

The records of the Hill Church (Egle's Notes and Queries, 1898) show that Anastatius Heylman and his wife Rosina Barbara had children as follows: Frederick, born Dec. 5, 1766, sponsors John Nicholas Marer and Elizabeth Heylman; Anna Catherine, born Dec. 3, 1768, baptized Dec. 3, 1768, sponsors Peter Heilman, Sr., and wife Salome; John Adam, born Sept. 29, 1771, baptized Oct. 12, 1771, sponsors Anthony (Anton) Stoever and wife; Mary Christina, born Sept. 14, 1773, baptized Oct. 21, 1773, sponsors John Heylman and wife; John, born October, 1778, baptized October, 1778, sponsors John Hileman and wife; and John George, born June 6, 1780, baptized Sept. 3, 1780, sponsors John George Heylman and wife Anna Mary.

From the same source we find that John Heylman and his wife Anna Mary had: Anna Mary, born Sept. 24, 1779, sponsors John George Heylman and Anna Magdalena Heller, both unmarried; John Henry Heylman and wife Christina had: Henry, born Oct. 14, 1779, baptized Oct. 17, 1779, sponsors Peter Heylman and wife Barbara; Mary Christina, born April 22, 1781, baptized April 28, 1781, sponsors Anastatius and wife Rosina Barbara.

According to the Hill Church records Peter Heylman (or Heilman) and wife Barbara (nee Heyman, evidently intended for Heylman) had children as follows: Simon John, born Feb. 3, 1767, baptized March 1, 1767, sponsors John Heylman and Anna Mary Heylman; Anna Catherine, born Sept. 2, 1768, baptized Sept. 11, 1768; sponsors Adam Heylman and Catherine Heylman; John Frederick, born March 30, 1771, baptized April 17, 1771, sponsors Peter Eiderholt and wife Elizabeth; John Adam, born Nov. 27, 1774, baptized Dec. 12, 1774, sponsors Adam Heilman and wife Catherine; Peter, born July 22, 1777, baptized Aug. 10, 1777, sponsors George Heylman and Barbara Umberger. The father of this family died in 1778. In another account the children of Peter and Barbara are given as Anastatius, Peter, Magdalena, Elizabeth Fisher, Christina, Joseph, Stephen, Henry, John George, John and Christina Stover. We also find: One Peter, born 1715, married Barbara and died in 1778, and had Anastatius, Peter, Magdalena, Elizabeth (Mrs. Fisher), Cordelia (Mrs. Lach or Lough), Sophia, Henry, John George, John and Catherine (Stover).

The following Heilmans appear among the taxables of Dauphin county, dates showing when they took the oath of allegiance to the Crown—Great Britain: Johannes, 1732; Martin, 1732 (a captain in the French and Indian war, 1755-63); John Peter, Aug. 17, 1732; Andrew, 1736; Hans Adam, 1749; Johannes, 1749; Conrad, 1752; Christian, 1753; Martin, 1764.

According to records in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth, among those emigrants over sixteen years of age who took the oath of allegiance to the Province and the Crown on their arrival, we find Johannes Heilman, September, 1732; Martin Heilman, September, 1732; John Peter Heilman, August, 1732; Andrew Hilman, September, 1736; Hans Adam Halman, September, 1738; Johannes Hielman, September, 1749; Conrad Heilman, September, 1752 (ship "Brothers," William McNair, captain, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes); Christian Hielman, 1753; Martin Heilman, October, 1764. On page 243, Volume VI, are found John, Bastian (ship "Brothers," as above), Peter (ship "Brothers," as above), John Jacob Heilman.

Rupp's records of imigrants (1728 to 1777) show that among the passengers who arrived Sept. 25, 1732, in the ship "Loyal Judith" (Robert Turpin, master), from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, were the Palatines Jonas Wolf, Johannes Heilman, Frederick Schaeffer and Martin Heilman (the last named was captain of a company of soldiers in the French and Indian war). In the same volume we find that Jacob Heilman arrived Aug. 21, 1750, in the ship "Anderson" (Hugh Campbell, captain), which carried 271 passengers. Frederick Heilman, son of Peter,

who moved to Armstrong county from Dauphin county and settled on Blanket Hill, claimed relationship with the Heilmans of Hill Church, and was a nephew of one Martin Heilman, a taxable in Dauphin county in 1732 (this may have meant the year of his arrival), evidently the Martin previously mentioned. Possibly Martin was a brother of Christian, the immigrant ancestor of the line of which this article especially treats.

The Christian Heilman mentioned as taking the oath of allegiance in 1753 seems likely the ancestor of the Hilemans (Heilmans) of Armstrong county here under consideration, for Peter, the founder of the family in this county, was born it is said in 1750 in Alsace-Lorraine, son of Christian, and is said to have been about two years old when he came to America with his father and settled in Northampton county, Pa. The mother died during the voyage across the Atlantic. It is said that Christian married again, in Northampton county; his son Peter had a brother or half-brother Michael, who remained in Northampton county when Peter removed to Armstrong county. In Egle's History of Dauphin and Lebanon Counties we find: "The officers and men of Lebanon county, May 10, 1756, French and Indian War, 1755-63: Capt. Adam Heilman, Lieut. John Hart, Ensign Adam Roulour." Among the privates: John Hartman, Balthase Heylman, John Heylman, John Adam Heylman, Michael Heylman, etc. This may be the Michael said to be Peter's brother or half-brother. However, it may be he was a brother of Christian, Peter's father.

Peter Heilman was given only three weeks' schooling. He was married (in Northampton county supposedly) to Elizabeth Harter, and in 1795-96 they came to what is now Kittanning township, Armstrong county, and settled on Garrett's run. Here he became a prominent citizen. By trade he was a weaver, having learned the business in Northampton county. He was a zealous Lutheran, and in the "History of Lutheran Synod, Western Pennsylvania," 1795, is mentioned as one of the organizers and supporters of the first church, often called the Heilman Church, which he served as trustee, etc. He and one other were the principal factors in establishing this church. His wife also belonged. She died before him, passing away (according to the Kittanning *Gazette*) "Jan. 21, 1831, . . . in the seventy-ninth year of her age." Her death was very sudden. Sitting in his chair, unable to move, Mr. Heilman called out, "Mother has fallen," and she was found to be dead. His death occurred Jan. 27, 1833, at the age of eighty-two years. His will, registered (page 142) Sept. 19, 1832, was recorded in Will Book No. 1 (son Jacob and others give bonds; Simon Truby, executor). Mr. and Mrs. Heilman are buried in the old Heilman cemetery in Kittanning township. They spoke English imperfectly. They were well known and much beloved among their neighbors in this section, where their friendliness, high example and true Christian character endeared them to all who knew them. Mrs. Heilman was a remarkable woman in many ways. Handsome of feature, she was also finely built physically, and her small hands and feet were generally admired. Her physical strength was unusual for a woman. It is said that while standing in a half bushel measure she could shoulder from the ground three and a half bushels of wheat, a feat few men could equal. She was very skillful at spinning and weaving, weaving linen, jean, linsey woolsey and blankets, and making clothing. Her grandson, John Heilman, now over ninety-two years old, who waited on his grandparents before they died, remembers her; she would put him under one arm, and with the other raise from the ground a piggin of apples, containing half a barrel, and place it on her head with ease.

Twelve children were born to Peter and Elizabeth (Harter) Heilman: (1) Gertrude married Jacob Piser or Poiser (name also written Pieser, Beaser and Peaser). They had sons Adam (married), Jacob (who married a Miss Meals), Casper, and other children. Some of the Pisers lived near Slippery Rock, Pa. (2) Christina married Joseph Piser, brother of Jacob. Their daughter married John Ried or Reed and had William and Margaret (Mrs. Hershey). (3) Mary married Frederick Tarr (ancestor of Dr. Tarr, of Kittanning), and had children, Catherine (Mrs. William Orr), Rebecca (Mrs. William Gibson), William (married a Richison or Richardson), Sarah (married James Larkin and George Rimby), Elizabeth (Mrs. Michael Davis), Susy (Mrs. George Rummel), Caspar, Joseph (married Mary Croyl), Lobin (married a Miss Mainer) and George. The father, Mr. Tarr, died Aug. 17, 1825, according to the Kittanning *Gazette*. He was a son of Gasper Tarr, who helped to build Reids Station, on the Allegheny river above Kittanning, and grandson of an emigrant from Germany (1760) who moved to Westmoreland county from Ellicott's Mills,

Md., settling in East Huntingdon township. His children were Henry, Peter, Christian, Daniel and Gasper. (4) Susanna married John King (grandfather of President Judge J. W. King), and had children, George, Gideon (married Mary Wolf), John (married Christina Wolf), Mary (married John Heffelfinger), Selim, Esther, Susanna, Lydia, Eve, Helen (married George Slease) and Flora (married John Stivinson). (5) John married Elizabeth Yount, and their children were John (married Eliza Briny), David (married Jane Elliot), William (married Miss Rufner), Sarah (married by Rev. G. A. Reichert, May 7, 1829, to Israel Schall), Rebecca (married by Rev. G. A. Reichert, June 20th, 1832, to Daniel Schall), Lydia (married George Cook), Hannah (married John Blose) and Mary Ann (married John Long). (6) Daniel married Lydia Yount and had children, Solomon (father of Mrs. John G. Aye and Mrs. Levi G. Cook), Daniel, George (who married Henrietta Hengst and left children), Samuel, Isaac, Simon, Harry Eve (married Harry Shafer), Lydia (Mrs. George Eiman), Susie and Elizabeth (both deceased in childhood). The father farmed in Kittanning township until his death, which occurred in 1832, when he was fifty years old. (7) Solomon, who lived in Kittanning township, married Hannah Yount (Youndt or Yunt), and their children were Jacob (married Catherine Iseman), Joseph (married Mary Iseman), William (married Margaret Iseman), Alexander (married Elizabeth Iseman), Adam (married Miss Goldstrom), Rachel (wid. Michael Chryster Kritzer), Mary (married Jonathan Farster), Ann (married Joseph Richard), Sarah (married George Schrum) and Susan (married John Schrum, brother of George). (8) Frederick is mentioned below. (9) Robert, twin of Frederick, died in boyhood, of small pox. (10) Margaret married John Stitt. (11) Elizabeth was injured by a fall when nine months old, never walked, and though not a mute, her speech was unintelligible to any but members of the family. (12) Jacob, the youngest, said to have been born in Northampton county in April, 1791, married Susanna Waltinbough. It is said he also had an attack of smallpox. He died Dec. 27, 1876 (tombstone says 1877), in his eighty-sixth year, and his wife died April 27, 1878, in her eighty-sixth year. They had three sons, John Adam (married Eliza Wilson), John (married Ellen Wilson) and James (married Magdalena Reichert). Jacob Heilman was a distiller, and it was he who made the celebrated Heilman whiskey. He lived on the Peter Heilman tract in Kittanning township where his parents settled in 1795-96.

Among the "original tracts within the present" (1883) "limits of this" (Kittanning) "township," we find mentioned the Charles Grubb tract, 330.4 acres, seated by John and Daniel Hileman; the John Schenck tract, 301.8 acres, seated by Frederick Hileman and George Olinger; the Peter Hileman tract, 200 acres, seated by himself; the Tobias Long tract, 341.5 acres, seated by Daniel Hileman and Adam Waltenbough; the Benjamin "Schreckengaust" tract, 200 acres, seated by himself. The Ourys, Waltenboughs and Schreckengosts intermarried with the Hilemans.

Frederick Heilman, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Harter) Heilman, and grandfather of James M. Heilman, was reared in Dauphin county, Pa., and came to Armstrong county upon attaining his majority, settling in Kittanning township, where he followed farming the rest of his life. It is said his father, Peter, was the warranter and patenter of land in Kittanning township in 1796, and in June, 1831, conveyed "Blanket Hill" (the historic old battleground) to his son Jacob. There were 301 acres seated by Frederick Heilman about this time. On June 30, 1834, he was one of the purchasers of a tract on Blanket Hill, where the fight between Lieutenant Hogg and a superior force of Indians took place. He died at the age of fifty-six years. He was a Whig in politics and a Lutheran in religion. He married Margaret Ehinger (Echinger or Eighinger), a native of Armstrong county, daughter of Peter Ehinger, whose wife was English—her maiden name was Cogley. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Heilman had children as follows: Peter is mentioned below; Stephen married Nancy Graham; Reuben married Mary Everhart, daughter of Henry and Susanna (Keck) Everhart, and they had nine children, Rebecca (married Levandus Schall), Martha E. (married James Moore), Amos E., M. D. (deceased, married Rebecca Patton), Elmer (married a Miss Pitman), Henry F. (married twice, his wives being sisters), Susanna M. (unmarried), Margaret Hall (wife of Sloan Hall), Cyrus M. (married Rebecca Schaeffer) and Laura N. (married Frank Brown); Martha married Michael Neale; Anna became Mrs. Henry Remayle (Remaley); Sarah married Cyrus Everhart; four died young, Rebecca, Eliza, Rebecca and Priscilla J.

Peter Heilman, eldest son of Frederick, was born in July, 1819, on the home farm, where he died Feb. 25, 1878. He was a prosperous farmer, and energetic in business matters, operating a brickyard on his farm, and meeting with substantial success in his ventures. In 1871 he was elected county commissioner, being a member of the board which erected the Armstrong county jail, which has the reputation of being one of the finest and strongest structures of the kind in the United States. This building was completed in 1873, at a cost of $252,000. Its foundation is 24 feet deep, from the surface, and 7 feet wide from the bottom. After his service as commissioner Mr. Heilman devoted all his time to his own affairs. He had previously been school director, and during the Civil war he served as enrolling officer. He was a Republican on political questions. He was an esteemed member and liberal supporter of Emanuel Lutheran Church, which he served officially. By his first wife, Susanna Helfrich, daughter of Anthony Helfrich (whose wife was named Schutt or Shutt), he had three children, namely: Amanda, who never married; Albert, who starved to death in Andersonville prison, while a Union soldier; and one that died in infancy. His second, Elizabeth (Remaley), daughter of Anthony Remaley, of Kiskiminetas township, was the mother of ten children, viz.: James M., William M., Reuben (a hardware merchant), John F., George (who died aged twenty-one years), Frank (who died when sixteen years old), Eliza (wife of Frank McClister), Edward (in the hardware business), Charles C. (president of the Merchants' Trust Company Bank, of Greensburg—he spells the name Hileman) and Curtin A. (engaged as a furniture dealer at Greensburg).

Anthony Remaley, grandfather of Mrs. Peter Heilman, married a daughter of Anthony Schaeffer, who was a Revolutionary soldier, and afterward clerk in the State Senate. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Remaley had a son Anthony, whose daughter married Peter Heilman. The Heilmans worshipped at the old Heller Church, near Harrisburg.

James M. Heilman was given a common school education, and at the age of sixteen became an apprentice at the carpenter's trade, with Jacob Martin. After serving three years he went to work as a journeyman, being employed by different concerns in various sections of the country, which experience made him acquainted with the methods used by his several employers and equipped him for thorough and successful work. Returning to Kittanning in 1869 he engaged in contracting and building on his own account, he and his brother, William, becoming associated in business and later admitting their brother John to the partnership, which was known as Heilman Brothers. They built up an extensive and profitable business, and in 1889 they extended their operations by entering into the lumber and planing mill business, erecting a large mill. In 1905 the firm was incorporated under the name of Heilman Brothers Lumber Company, James M. Heilman being president of the concern until his death, May 11, 1913. This concern has been recognized for years as one of the most important and progressive of the kind in Armstrong county, and its value as one of the substantial factors in the upbuilding and development of Kittanning is thoroughly appreciated. Its work is of high quality, a fact which in a large measure accounts for its continued prosperity. The Heilman brothers are entitled to much credit for their success. Beginning with little capital, they forged ahead steadily, keeping fully abreast of the times in methods and ideas, keeping their equipment up to meet the growing demands of their trade, judiciously investing surplus money in town lots in Kittanning, which they improved with residences and other buildings, and in every way showing good judgment and shrewd management. Their standing is a credit to the county, though their business operations have by no means been confined to its limits.

In 1907 Mr. Heilman was elected vice president of the Kittanning Plate Glass Company, and the year following was elected president, serving one year, the term for which he was chosen. He afterward devoted his principal energies to the lumber business, and he had always private interests of considerable importance, particularly the development of gas and oil properties, with which he was identified for over twenty years. He served as vice president and manager of the Garrett's Run Gas Company, was interested in several other oil and gas companies, and was to the time of his death a stockholder in the Franklin Oil & Gas Company, of Bedford, Ohio.

Mr. Heilman was quite prominent in fraternal circles in Kittanning as a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the B. P. O. Elks. He was a past noble grand of the local Odd Fellows Lodge, and a past chief patriarch of the encampment. When the Elks' Home was erected in Kittanning he served as superin-

tendent and manager of construction, a position for which he was thoroughly fitted, and the handsome building is not only a credit to the order, but an example of fine architecture of which the borough is proud.

On Feb. 27, 1873, Mr. Heilman was married at Mosgrove, the residence of his wife's parents, to Esther Eliza Quigley, daughter of Sharon Mateer and Mary (Mateer) Quigley, of Armstrong county, who were distantly related. The latter was a daughter of Sharon and Jane (Reed) Mateer, pioneers of East Franklin township, Armstrong county. Sharon M. Quigley was born in East Franklin township, son of John and Esther (Cook) Quigley, who came from eastern Pennsylvania and settled in that township. They had eight sons and three daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Heilman had two children, Sharon Peter and Arthur M., both of whom became practicing physicians, following the profession in which the family has been numerously represented.

Mr. Heilman held membership in the Presbyterian Church, and was a man of fine Christian character, high principled, a representative member of a family noted for moral courage, fearless in defense of the right, strong family ties and pride of race. Without pretense in any of the relations of life, he was frank and strong in his likes and dislikes, and people always knew where James M. Heilman stood. He had the greatest respect for real Christianity, and endeavored in his own life to live up to its tenets. He was a member of the John Orr Bible Class. He died very suddenly, May 11, 1913.

Sharon Peter Heilman, M. D., was born March 27, 1874, at Kittanning, and there received his preliminary education in the public schools, graduating from high school. He then entered Princeton College, from which he was graduated in 1896, after which he took a medical course in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, receiving his degree of M. D. in 1900. Before this course and during the time he was pursuing it he read medicine under Dr. Thomas H. Allison, one of Armstrong county's most distinguished physicians. The year of his graduation from medical college he began practice in the borough of Kittanning, where he met with unusual success in his profession. He had an extensive practice, the needs of his patrons demanding all his time and energies, and attained good standing in the profession, belonging to the Armstrong County Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Physicians' Protective Society and the Judson Deland Society of Philadelphia. Fraternally he was a member of the Elks, Eagles, I. O. O. F., Owls and Red Men. His death occurred May 10, 1914, at Phoenix, Ariz., where he had gone on account of his health.

In 1898 Dr. Heilman married Lupah Obrien, of Hagerstown, Md. They had no children.

Arthur M. Heilman, M. D., graduated from Washington and Jefferson College, and then graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, in 1902. He is now engaged in practice at Butler, Pa., and has met with most gratifying success, having every prospect for a bright future. He married Alice Patterson, of Butler, Pa., daughter of John N. and Emily (Stein) Patterson, the former a retired merchant of Butler. Dr. and Mrs. Heilman have two children, John P. and James M.

JOHN ELLSWORTH STUTE, M. D., physician and surgeon, Parkers Landing, Pa., was born in Warren county, N. J., July 19, 1861, a son of George and Mary E. (Hendershott) Stute.

George Stute and wife were both born in New Jersey. George Stute enlisted for service in the Civil war, May 27, 1861, in Company B, 2d New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, for three years, and took part in all the engagements of his regiment up to the battle of Spottsylvania Court House. There, May 14, 1864, he was taken prisoner by the Confederates and sent to Andersonville, Ga., where he died in the following November, and was interred in the National cemetery at that place, the number of his grave—11,882—marking the spot. He left a family of two sons and two daughters: Aaron, Rebecca J., Belle and John E.

John Ellsworth Stute was reared at Trenton, N. J., and received his educational training in the Soldiers' Orphans' School and the public schools, and also enjoyed instruction under private tutors. In 1893 he entered the medical department of the University of Pittsburgh, where he was graduated in 1897, and at once began the practice of his profession at Parkers Landing, where he has been most successful. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State and the Clarion County Medical Societies.

Dr. Stute was married April 27, 1882, to Miss Rose Euchler, daughter of Peter and Barbara Euchler, of Manor township, Arm-

strong Co., Pa. Mrs. Stute died in 1905, leaving two daughters, Elsie B. and Lucille. Dr. Stute was married (second) Nov. 9, 1909, to Ada L. Zinn, daughter of Charles C. and Mary E. (Schell) Zinn, of Butler, Pa., and they have one daughter, Alice Virginia. Dr. and Mrs. Stute are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He also belongs to Parker Lodge, No. 521, F. & A. M. Politically he is independent in his views.

JOHN K. GEARHART, of Templeton, Armstrong county, member of the mercantile firm of O. W. Gearhart & Son, though one of the younger business men of that place has become thoroughly established in the confidence of his fellow citizens there and is building up a fine trade. He was born June 19, 1887, at Putneyville, this county, where his father, O. W. Gearhart, formerly lived.

O. W. Gearhart was born Jan. 7, 1863, at Canada, Pa., he being a son of John F. Gearhart and the youngest son of a family of five sons and seven daughters. John F. Gearhart owned and tilled a farm one mile east of Putneyville. This place is still known as the Gearhart farm. He died March 24, 1892, at the age of sixty-seven years, and his wife, Susanna, died the same year. They were stanch members and workers in the M. E. Church at Putneyville. John F. Gearhart was a son of Isaac Elias Gearhart, who with three brothers settled in Jefferson county, having ventured to this section from eastern Pennsylvania.

O. W. Gearhart has been interested in farming all his life, and settled on the farm one and a half miles east of Templeton, in Boggs township, Armstrong county, where he now makes his home, on Sept. 1, 1910. He is associated with his son John K. in the mercantile firm of O. W. Gearhart & Son, and "Gearhart's" is one of the reliable business houses at Templeton. Mr. Gearhart has never taken any active part in politics or aspired to office. On Sept. 10, 1885, he married Alvira V. Patten, of Brattonville, Armstrong county, and they have had four children: John K. is mentioned below; Harry A., born Nov. 27, 1889, educated himself at the D. & I. State Normal School and Grove City College, and for three years has taught grammar school; Auda M., born July 23, 1893, is at home; Everett E., born April 1, 1899, is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart are members of the M. E. Church of Templeton.

John K. Gearhart attended the Kittanning Academy, and also studied for a time at the Dayton Normal Institute. After leaving school he was in the employ of the Harbison-Walker Refractories Company, at Templeton, for two years, and for another period of two years traveled for the International Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pa., in the Chenango valley. In the latter part of August, 1910, he located at Templeton, where he bought a store building of W. J. Reedy and put in a stock of boots and shoes and men's furnishings, also doing a merchant tailoring business. Here he has since been engaged, his father being interested with him as O. W. Gearhart & Son. The stock is ample and well selected, and the store is well kept, being a desirable trading place. Mr. Gearhart is gaining a substantial footing in commercial circles and among local business men, and has the good will of all who know him in and around Templeton.

On June 7, 1910, Mr. Gearhart married Carrie D. Fair, of Washington township, Armstrong county, daughter of P. F. Fair, and they have one son, Earl.

HARRY CLIFFORD GOLDEN, attorney at law, whose progress in his profession and public favor has been really remarkable, is one of the leading lawyers of Kittanning. He was born in that borough Jan. 9, 1882, son of Edward Sullivan and Sarah (Gates) Golden, and grandson of John Golden. Of his father, Edward S. Golden, for years a notably successful attorney at the Armstrong county bar, extensive mention will be found elsewhere in this work, accompanying his portrait.

Harry C. Golden attended public and high school in Kittanning, and later the academy in the borough for a two-year course. He then entered Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., and, after four years, was graduated from that institution as valedictorian of his class, in 1903. He was a member of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity. During his college career he won the Holland Prize Scholarship, paying about $600 per annum, for two consecutive years. He studied law in the office of his brother, H. L. Golden, Kittanning, Pa., and was admitted to the bar of Armstrong county in 1905; to practice in the Superior court of Pennsylvania, May, 1909; in the Supreme court of Pennsylvania, Oct. 4, 1909; in the United States District court, Pittsburgh, Pa., March 29, 1911; and in the Circuit court of Appeals of the United States, for the Third circuit, Philadelphia, Pa., November, 1911. Since 1905 he has been practicing his profes-

sion in Kittanning with gratifying success. Like his father, he belongs to the Episcopal Church, and is, at the present time, treasurer of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kittanning, Pa., and a teacher in the Sunday school. In politics he is a Democrat. Among the most important cases in which Mr. Golden has been concerned as counsel are: Liquid Carbonic Company vs. Truby, reported in Pennsylvania Superior Court Reports, Vol. 40, Page 634; National Cash Register Company vs. Shurber, reported in Pennsylvania Superior Court Reports, Vol. 41, Page 187; Weisfield vs. Beale, reported in Pennsylvania State Reports, Vol. 231, Page 39; Hare vs. O'Brien, reported in Pennsylvania State Reports, Vol. 233, Page 330, 82 Atlantic Reporter, 475, Lawyers' Reports Annotated, Vol. 39 (New Series), Page 430; Welsh vs. Kerr Coal Company, reported in Pennsylvania State Reports, Vol. 233, Page 341; Arctic Ice Machine Company vs. Armstrong County Trust Company, Circuit Court of Appeals Reports, Vol. 112, Page 458, 192 Federal Reporter, Page 114. In all of the above cases, except Weisfield vs. Beale and Welsh vs. Kerr Coal Company, Harry C. Golden and his brother, H. L. Golden, were associated as counsel.

EDWIN F. DUNLAP, hardware merchant, and plumbing, tinning and roofing contractor, at Parkers Landing, Pa., was born at Lowellville, Mahoning Co., Ohio, Aug. 22, 1852, son of Jesse L. and Mary (Johnston) Dunlap.

Jesse L. Dunlap and his wife were born in Lawrence county, Pa. He is a mining engineer and has followed his profession in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Montana and Washington, and at present, in his eighty-third year, is living retired and in comfort at Elma, Washington.

Edwin F. Dunlap was reared in Lawrence and Mercer counties, Pa., and was educated in the public schools. He learned the plumbing and tinning trades at Sharon, Pa., and in 1870 went to Illinois and worked as a journeyman in Chicago, Peoria and Morris until 1877. In that year he came to Parkers Landing, Pa., and after continuing three more years at journeyman work embarked in the tinning business for himself, on a small scale at first, but soon found opportunity to expand and in 1885 added a hardware, plumbing and roofing department. He now owns one of the most complete establishments in this line in the northern part of Armstrong county and possibly in this section of Pennsylvania. Being a practical and experienced workman he enjoys patronage not only in this city but in adjacent places and over a large surrounding territory. Constant employment is afforded to from six to eight assistants. Mr. Dunlap believes in keeping abreast with the times in everything pertaining to his business. He enjoys the distinction of being the oldest merchant in continuous business in his city. Politically a Republican, he has frequently served in public capacities, twice having been mayor, several terms a member of the city council, and at present is president of the school board, of which he has also been secretary.

On Oct. 29, 1890, Mr. Dunlap was married to Miss Blanche Cummins, a daughter of William and Susanna (Christie) Cummins and a granddaughter of Judge Joseph Cummins, of Butler county; the latter's wife was Ellen Moore, of Washington county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap have had two daughters, Florence and Gertrude, both of whom are deceased, the former dying at the age of thirteen years, the latter when nineteen years old. Mr. Dunlap is a member of Parker Lodge, Royal Arcanum, and Park Lodge, K. O. T. M. He and his wife attend the First Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Dunlap has been a member since childhood.

AUSTIN CLARK, for a number of years an able lawyer of Kittanning and one of the most creditable members of the Armstrong county bar, belongs to a family which has had many prominent representatives in this section of Pennsylvania. His father, Joseph Clark, was at one time sheriff of Armstrong county and for many years prominent in politics here. He was a first cousin of Judge Silas M. Clark, a justice of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania. The family is of Scotch-Irish origin.

Capt. James Clark, who established this family in western Pennsylvania, was an officer in the Revolutionary war, taking part in a number of battles. He came into this region from the Cumberland valley, where the family occupied an honorable position in the early days of the Commonwealth. Settling in Westmoreland county, Pa., about the time (1782) of the burning of Hannastown (that county) — noted as the first place west of the Allegheny mountains where justice was administered according to the forms of law, he was one of those who sought refuge in the fort near by and prepared to defend it against the expected attack. The Indians under the

famous Seneca chief had invaded the settlement, burned the town and massacred a large part of the population, but after plundering the town and reducing it to ashes they withdrew. Soon after this event Captain Clark removed to South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he resided many years, and died leaving a numerous and respected progeny.

William Clark, son of Capt. James Clark, was born in 1778 and died in 1823. He lived near South Bend, in Armstrong county, where Clark's blockhouse or station (so named in honor of his father) stood in the days when it was necessary for the settlers to protect themselves against the Indians. His wife, Sarah (Woodward), born in 1786, died in 1821. One of their sons was James, the father of Judge Silas M. Clark.

Joseph Clark, another son of William and Sarah (Woodward) Clark, was born March 3, 1813, at South Bend, Armstrong county, and died at Kittanning Oct. 26, 1885. For a short time he lived at Shelocta, Indiana Co., Pa., where he built a hotel. In 1842 he removed to Kittanning, Armstrong county, where he was in the hotel business, conducting the "Pritner Hotel" and the "Nulton House," and in 1850 he went to Freeport, to take the position of supervisor of the Pennsylvania canal. A lifelong Democrat and always active in political affairs, he was honored by his party a number of times, and in 1852 was elected sheriff of Armstrong county, serving a term of three years in that office. His services were characterized by the distinguished ability typical of members of this family, and in 1857 he was appointed by Governor Packer as revenue inspector of the port of Philadelphia. In that position also he gave universal satisfaction, discharging his duties ably and faithfully. In 1865 he returned to Kittanning, where the remainder of his days was passed. He was a valued worker in his party, served as delegate to several State conventions, and kept his name above suspicion in all the relations of life. Fraternally he was a Mason, and his religious connection was with the M. E. Church. Joseph Clark married Pauline Kelley, who was born in March, 1819, daughter of Hon. Meek and Jane (Moorhead) Kelley, the latter a daughter of Absalom Moorhead. Hon. Meek Kelley was a surveyor of high reputation, and it was he who ran the boundary lines and laid out the counties of Potter and McKean (Pa.) into townships. He served as State senator, and later as associate judge of Indiana county. Two of his sons, James and Pliny, were in the Mexican war, and the latter served as captain of a California company under Sheridan in the Civil war. To Joseph and Pauline (Kelley) Clark were born four sons and two daughters: Meek; Emma, who died in infancy; Sarah, who died when seventeen years old; Joseph, who was the youngest enlisted soldier in the Civil war, being but twelve years and three months old when he was sworn into the service; Ney; and Austin.

Austin Clark was born July 20, 1854, in the then sheriff's residence at Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Pa., his father being sheriff at the time. He began his education in the public schools of his native borough, later attended Blairsville Academy and the State Normal School at Indiana, Pa., and taught school for several terms, serving as assistant principal of the Blairsville Academy. He left the teacher's profession to engage in the study of law. After passing the preliminary examination he registered in 1878 as a law student with his cousin, Silas M. Clark, of Indiana, who in 1882 became a justice of the Supreme court of the State. In 1879 Mr. Clark came to Kittanning, where he completed his legal course with James B. Neale, being admitted to the bar of Armstrong county Sept. 20, 1880. He at once entered upon practice, and with the exception of the period he was in the service of his country during the Spanish-American war continued to be actively engaged in professional work until January, 1912, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis, causing him to give up his practice and go to live with his brother, Joseph.

As an attorney Mr. Clark was one of the most successful of his day in Kittanning, establishing an extensive patronage among the most substantial people of the borough, and his reputation was well deserved. His studious attention to every case intrusted to his care, his ability in presenting the cause of his client at court, his fluency and logic in argument, and evident sincerity in everything he undertook, won him not only the confidence of his patrons, but the respectful attention of his fellow practitioners and the judges of the various courts where his work called him.

Politically Mr. Clark has been a Democrat like his father, and a leader in local party circles for a number of years, his judgment, decision and energy qualifying him for responsible duties. He took an active part in the work of the party, and in 1888 was a delegate to the National convention at St. Louis, when Cleveland was nominated for president.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war Mr. Clark mustered Company G, 16th Pennsylvania Volunteers (Col. George C. Rickards), and was commissioned captain by Governor Hastings. He was mustered into the service in July, 1898, serving until the end of the war, and was mustered out Dec. 28, 1898. Mr. Clark's honorable discharge of that date reads, "Service honorable and faithful." Returning to Kittanning he resumed legal practice.

Mr. Clark was entitled to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, though he neglected to join that order. In fact, every war since the founding of the country found some member of the Clark family serving in one capacity or another. Fraternally he was a past exalted ruler of Kittanning Lodge, B. P. O. Elks.

EPHRAIM H. PARKER, deceased, formerly of Parker City, Pa., was a descendant of one of the oldest and most prominent families of this section of Pennsylvania. He was born March 2, 1838, and was the eldest son of Fullerton and Amelia (Harris) Parker, grandson of Judge John Parker, and great-grandson of Col. William Parker.

Col. William Parker came from Washington county, Pa., in 1798, and settled on Bear creek, near Bear Creek furnace, now in Armstrong county, erecting there the first gristmill and promoting many of the enterprises which served to open up the country.

John Parker, son of Col. William Parker, and grandfather of the late Ephraim H. Parker, in 1794 surveyed the greater part of the northern section of Armstrong county and the southern part of Butler county. In 1797 he settled in Parker township, Butler county, where he purchased 600 acres of land and in 1815 laid out the village of Lawrenceburg, the same now being included in the Second ward of Parker City. He was an active, energetic and successful business man and was extensively engaged in farming and stock raising. He was one of the first associate judges of Butler county and filled that office for thirty-five years. He married Jane Woods, and they had the following children, James, John, Juliet, William, Fullerton, Washington, George, Thomas and Wilson. Juliet married John Gilchrist. Judge Parker died in 1842, at the age of seventy-six years, and is buried in the Parker cemetery.

Fullerton Parker, son of Judge John Parker, was born in Parker township, Butler Co., Pa., Dec. 15, 1806, and was reared to manhood on the old Parker homestead, obtaining his education in the local schools. In early life he operated a tannery and later was actively engaged in the larger part of the leading enterprises of Parker City. He was one of the projectors and principal stockholders of the Parker & Karns City and the Karns City & Butler railroads, which, built in 1873, were important factors in the development of the Butler oil fields. He was also one of the founders and leading stockholders of the Parker bridge, which was erected in 1872, and through his enterprise was founded, in 1871, the Exchange Bank of Parker City, of which he was president for years. In fact, there were but few enterprises connected with the growth of this section in which his help was not sought and his advice followed.

In 1832 Fullerton Parker was married to Amelia Harris, daughter of Ephraim Harris, of Harrisville, Butler Co., Pa. To them the following children were born: Jane M., who married Andrew J. Haldeman; Julia, who married James M. Agnew; Ephraim H.; Mary A., who married Parker M. Hollister; William J.; Amelia, who married Samuel M. McGough; Lizzie, who married Watson C. Mobley; and Ella P., who married William H. Spain. Mrs. Parker died in 1883, aged seventy-seven years.

Ephraim Harris Parker was reared in Armstrong and Butler counties. During the Civil war he served as a member of the 18th Pa. Vol. Cav., and after three years of service was honorably discharged. His first business association was with his father in the tanning industry at Parker City, and later he became extensively engaged in the oil business as an operator and producer and continued along this line until his death, which occurred April 11, 1870. In politics he was a Republican, but took little part in such matters. For many years he was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On April 28, 1857, Mr. Parker was married to Margaret Phipps, a daughter of David and Margaret (Stewart) Phipps, of Venango county, Pa., the former of whom was a pioneer in the iron and also the woolen manufacturing industries of that county. His mills were located at what is now known as Kennerdell. He served one term as associate judge of Venango county and died before he had assumed the duties of a second term, to which he had been elected. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Parker, namely: Ada, who was the wife of David Reynolds Kerr (deceased); Eva, who is the wife of Louis

H. Parker; Harry J., who is an extensive oil operator and producer, residing at Pittsburgh; Jane, deceased, who was the wife of Howard S. Austin; Fullerton, who is an oil producer and operator at Woodsfield, Ohio; and Margaret, who is the wife of Charles H. Adams, of Ben Avon, Pennsylvania.

Fullerton Parker, youngest son of the late Ephraim H. Parker, is a veteran of the Spanish-American war. He enlisted May 9, 1898, becoming a private in Company H, 10th Regiment, and was mustered into the United States service May 11, 1898; was appointed corporal May 9, 1899; and after serving in the Philippine Islands was honorably discharged at San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 1, 1899, by Col. H. B. Freeman, commandant of that post.

WILLIAM S. MECHLING (deceased), for many years a prominent business man of Dayton, Armstrong county, was born Nov. 2, 1837, in Butler county, Pa., and died at his home in Dayton, Feb. 8, 1893. He was a soldier of the Civil war.

Dewalt Mechling was born in Holland, and in 1728, with his wife Elizabeth, came to America and settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. They had one son, Jacob.

Jacob Mechling, son of Dewalt, served in the Revolutionary war and was with General Washington at Valley Forge. The name of his wife has not been preserved.

John Mechling, son of Jacob and grandfather of the late William S. Mechling, was born Sept. 30, 1768. He married Margaret Sams, born June 6, 1778, and they had the following children: Mary, born March 14, 1794; Carolina, Feb. 6, 1796; William, March 5, 1798; Elizabeth, May 30, 1800; John, March 27, 1802; Margaret, March 18, 1804; Joseph, May 28, 1806; Sarah, Feb. 21, 1809; Harriet, June 16, 1811; and Esther, Aug. 7, 1814.

William Mechling, son of John, was one of the early settlers in Butler county, Pa., where he followed farming. He married Catherine Kuhn, who died in Butler county in 1850, after which Mr. Mechling moved to Scioto county, Ohio, where his death occurred. To William and Catherine Mechling the following children were born: George W., who became a Presbyterian minister and for many years was pastor of the Glade Run Church at Dayton; Henry; Newton; Joseph and Sophia, twins, the latter of whom married Daniel Shaver; John; William S.; and Lycurgus, the last named having charge of a Presbyterian Church at Elderton, this county, and later stationed at Athens, Ohio (he now resides in Washington, D. C., where he preaches occasionally).

William S. Mechling attended the district schools and then learned coachmaking. Previous to the outbreak of the Civil war he was in business at West Sunbury, Butler Co., Pa. On Nov. 20, 1861, he enlisted for military service, entering Company E, 103d Pa. Vol. Inf., and serving until the war closed. He endured many of the hardships attending a soldier's life, but at all times preserved his courage and performed every duty. He participated in the battles of Yorktown, the Wilderness, Kinston, Little Washington and Plymouth, and at the last named place was taken prisoner on April 20, 1864. With his comrades who had been equally unfortunate he was loaded on a cattle car after a period of imprisonment at Florence, N. C., and they were landed at Andersonville, Ga., Mr. Mechling being kept in that terrible prison pen until Feb. 28, 1865, when he was released, having starved, thirsted and dragged out a miserable existence in that abominable place for several months. For three months and six days he was corporal of his company. His honorable discharge came April 10, 1865.

After the war Mr. Mechling returned to West Sunbury and resumed business there, continuing thus until 1869, when he came to Dayton, Pa., engaging here in carriage manufacturing and also in undertaking. He carried on business until death closed his activity. He was a well known and much respected man. He united with the Presbyterian Church in early manhood and later transferred his membership to West Sunbury, and when he came to Dayton one of his first cares was to have his membership credentials presented to the Glade Run Presbyterian Church. His remains lie in the cemetery belonging to this church, his resting place being marked by a beautiful and appropriate monument. During many years he was active in the organization and affairs of J. Edward Turk Post, G. A. R., and he belonged to the Odd Fellows and the Masons.

Mr. Mechling married Mary R. Stewart, a daughter of William and Eliza Jane (Gibson) Stewart. She survives and resides at Dayton, where she is interested in the Glade Run Presbyterian Church and in the W. C. T. U. Their family included seven children, all of whom survive with the exception of Sarah N. The others are: Laura, who married John K. Sacksman; William; Alice; Catherine J.,

who is a teacher in the Pittsburgh high school; Curtis C., who is a physician at Pittsburgh; and Mary E., who was a teacher in the high school at Canonsburg, Pa., now a high school teacher in Pittsburgh.

William Mechling, son of William S. Mechling, was born at West Sunbury, Butler Co., Pa., March 24, 1868. He attended the public schools and the Glade Run Academy and then learned the trade of carriagemaking and the business of undertaking, with his father. He was associated with his father and after the latter's death continued the business at Dayton, where he is numbered with the representative business men.

On Sept. 6, 1911, William Mechling married Blanche Kirkpatrick, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Schall) Kirkpatrick. He is identified with the Odd Fellows and belongs also to the Sons of Veterans. Some members of the family spell the family name Mechlin.

Andrew Stewart, father of Mrs. Mary R. (Stewart) Mechling, came from England, was a well educated man, and taught music. In Juniata county, Pa., he married Mary Russell, a native of Ireland, who lived along the Juniata river before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stewart were among the early settlers in Butler county, Pa., where their son William, Mrs. Mechling's father, was born. William Stewart became a farmer in Cherry township, that county. He married Eliza Jane Gibson, and both were members of the United Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Stewart was also born in Butler county, of respected pioneer stock of that vicinity, her grandparents being Levi and Jane (Abercrombie) Gibson, who lived on the "Duchess farm" near Parkers Landing. Mrs. Gibson was of Scotch ancestry and Revolutionary stock. Among their children were Samuel, Hugh, Levi, Esther, Jane and Eliza. Levi, one of the younger sons of Levi and Jane (Abercrombie) Gibson, was a farmer by occupation, and lived and died in Butler county, reaching old age. He was the father of Mrs. Eliza Jane (Gibson) Stewart and grandfather of Mrs. Mary R. (Stewart) Mechling.

SAMUEL J. ERVIN, retired undertaker, of Parker City, Armstrong county, was born in Parker township, Butler Co., Pa., Oct. 12, 1835, son of Samuel and Eliza (Bond) Ervin, and a grandson of Samuel Ervin.

Samuel Ervin, the grandfather, was one of the first settlers in Butler county, where he took up six hundred acres of government land, with an allowance of six acres on each one hundred for road purposes. This land lay in what is now Parker township, and there he cleared up and improved the place on which he lived until his sudden death, possibly from an attack of heart disease. His children were: Samuel; John; Rebecca; Margaret, who married John Schultz; Polly, who married Hazel Ward; and Nancy, who married John Morehead—all deceased.

Samuel Ervin (2), son of Samuel Ervin, was reared on the old homestead in Parker township, 106 acres of which he received from his father as a gift. This tract he cleared and improved, and resided there until later in life, when he sold it and bought another farm, in the same township, containing seventy-five acres. There he lived until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-six years old. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Eliza Bond, he had five children, namely: Elizabeth, who married Alexander Grant; William B.; Samuel J.; John A.; and Mary A., who is deceased. For his second wife Mr. Ervin married Margaret Gordon, and they had six children, as follows: George, Alexander, Andrew, Mary A., Nancy J., and Emma, of whom George is deceased.

Samuel J. Ervin remained at home and went to school until he was thirteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to a local cabinetmaker, serving three and a half years at Callensburg, in Clarion county. Afterward he worked as a journeyman at Fairview, in Butler county, for three years, and in the fall of 1861 went to Oil City, where he was in the furniture and undertaking business for nine and a half years, his time being fully occupied, as he was the only undertaker there during that period and attended to as many as five funerals a day. In the spring of 1871 Mr. Ervin came to Parker City, where in March of the same year he embarked in the undertaking business, being the only undertaker and funeral director in the place until 1902, at which time he retired.

In many ways Mr. Ervin has been a leading and representative citizen. Politically he is a Republican, and for three and a half years served as mayor of the city. He is a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of Parker City.

Mr. Ervin married Oct. 10, 1857, Mary Jane Thompson, daughter of John and Eliza (Badger) Thompson, and granddaughter of John Badger, both families being of pioneer stock of Butler county. Five children were

born to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin, as follows: Cordelia B., deceased, who married Elisha Turk; Elmer L., deceased; Kate, who is the wife of W. W. Miller, of Pittsburgh; Clara C., who is the wife of William F. Orr; and Emma, who is deceased. Mr. Ervin and wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Parker City, and they have been united with the Methodist denomination almost all their mature lives, his connection having existed since 1848 and hers since 1858. He has held all the offices of the church permissible to a layman, since 1871 has been a class leader, and for many years has been president of the board of trustees at Parker City.

JAMES MADISON HARRISON, retired oil operator, Parkers Landing, Pa., was born near Brady's Bend, Armstrong county, Nov. 9, 1845, son of William and Ann (Erwin) Harrison.

William Harrison was born in Maryland, near Hagerstown, in 1815, and in early manhood came to Armstrong county, locating near Brady's Bend. He was a brickmaker by trade, and for a number of years was engaged in the manufacture of brick at Brady's Bend, Parker City and Bear Creek, in Armstrong county, and also at Bruin, in Butler county. In later life he engaged in farming in Perry township, where he died in 1898, being then in his eighty-fourth year. He was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in 1861 in Company B, 103d Pa. Vol. Inf., and after nearly two years of service was honorably discharged on account of disability.

William Harrison married Ann Erwin, who was born in Butler county, Pa., daughter of John Erwin, who was one of the pioneers of that county. He settled near the present site of Petrolia, where he cleared and improved land, which he sold later in life and purchased a small farm in Perry township, Armstrong county, on which he spent the remainder of his life. To William and Ann Harrison four sons were born: William H., James M., John E. and Henry H., William being deceased.

James Madison Harrison grew up in Armstrong and Butler counties and attended the district schools. When nineteen years of age, on March 16, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company L, 14th Pa. Cav., and in August, 1865, was honorably discharged at Fort Leavenworth, Kans. During this time many of the most important battles of the Rebellion were fought, lost and won, and he took part at Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, and many skirmishes and engagements, including the Lynchburg raid.

In 1866 Mr. Harrison became interested in the oil industry and became a driller and pumper as a beginner in the business, working until 1875 in both Pennsylvania and West Virginia. He then secured leases in these States and began operating on his own account, in which he continued with success. In 1910 he disposed of his interests and retired from active business.

On Sept. 1, 1870, Mr. Harrison was married to Emily Elder, daughter of Robert Elder, of Clarion county, Pa., and six children have been born to them, namely: Daisy, wife of Elmer Royle; William O.; Robert L.; Anna, wife of F. B. Digel; Grant, and Harry.

From 1871 until 1894 Mr. Harrison lived in Butler county, and then moved to Parker City, which has since been his home. In politics he is a Republican, and for seven years served as a member of the city council. He belongs to Craig Post, No. 75, G. A. R., and to Parker Lodge, No. 761, Odd Fellows, at Parker City.

B. J. HANRATTY, Parkers Landing, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

COL. CHRISTOPHER TRUBY, ancestor of Mrs. Caroline (Truby) Robinson, widow of Elisha Robinson, came to this section from Bucks county, Pa., where he was born in 1736, and settled on land which is now part of the site of Greensburg, Westmoreland (then Bedford) county, about 1771. He was one of the important men of the region in his day, having been commissioner for Westmoreland county in 1774, and justice of the peace June 11, that year. On Aug. 18, 1784, he was reelected justice of the peace and judge of the court of Common Pleas of the county. He owned a blockhouse or fort upon his property in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, which was a place of refuge for the early settlers. He built the first courthouse at Greensburg. During the Revolutionary war he was extremely active in the Colonial cause. In February, 1778, he was a captain of the Westmoreland county militia, his son Michael (who was an early settler of Kittanning, Armstrong county) acting as drummer whenever the company was called into service. In 1790 Christopher Truby served as lieutenant colonel in General Harmar's campaign against

the Indians, he and Maj. James Paull commanding the battalion of Pennsylvania militia. A letter from the war department, Washington, D. C., to Miss Elizabeth R. Robinson, Nov. 11, 1903, shows the following: "Christopher Truby served as a member of Colonel Barr's Detachment of Pennsylvania Militia, Revolutionary war (rank not stated), which was ordered out on an expedition to the Indian country by Brigadier General Hand, commanded by Col. Alexander Barr. His name appears on a general pay abstract of the detachment. This abstract, dated March 9, 1778, shows the soldiers in service from Feb. 10, 1778, to March 8, 1778." Christopher Truby died Feb. 20, 1802, and was buried in the German cemetery at Greensburg. His name appears with those of William Findley, John Kirkpatrick, Frederick Rohrer, Dr. Simeon Hovey, James Hill, and others, as supporters of the government and George Washington, in a petition dated 1794 (inhabitants of Westmoreland county).

Colonel Truby married Isabella Bowman and had seven children, the four sons being Michael, Christopher, Jr. (born 1761, died 1845, buried near Millers Eddy, in Perry township, Armstrong county), Jacob and John.

Michael Truby, son of Christopher, is named on the list of pioneers for Revolutionary and military services in Armstrong county, granted pensions as soldiers of the Revolution by Act of the Pennsylvania Legislature March 20, 1838.

Samuel Truby, son of Michael Truby, was born in 1808, and died aged eighty-four years. He married Anna Sterling, and they were the parents of the following: Jerome died aged nine years; Caroline became the wife of Elisha Robinson; Amanda married Dr. C. M. Matson, of Brookville, Pa., she being his second wife (all the children of his first union are deceased except Dr. Eugene Matson, of Pittsburgh; by the second union there was one son, Dr. W. W. Matson, a physician of Brookville); Mary married Capt. Frank Clark; Sarah never married; Samuel C. was a jeweler of Brookville. All are deceased except Mrs. Elisha Robinson.

PAUL A. McCRACKEN, proprietor of the Leechburg Lumber Company, has demonstrated his business ability in the management of that concern, with which he has been identified throughout his business career. He was born Dec. 8, 1873, at Leechburg, son of James F. McCracken, and comes of a family which long ago became settled in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

John McCracken, his great-grandfather, was born in Scotland. He lived in Ireland for some time before his emigration to America, in about 1802. He and his family were thirteen weeks making the voyage, and after landing in New York City did not remain there long, proceeding to western Pennsylvania. They settled near the Congruity Presbyterian Church, in Westmoreland county, where Mr. McCracken had a farm, and there he passed the remainder of his life, dying April 6, 1826. His wife, Catherine, survived him several years. They were the parents of twelve children, two sons and ten daughters, some born in Scotland, some in Ireland and the younger members of the family in America. Several of the older children never left the old world. Those that came across the ocean with the parents were Mary, Elizabeth and John; Margaret was born here, as also James, the grandfather of Paul A. McCracken.

James McCracken, son of John and Catherine McCracken, was born March 10, 1809, in Westmoreland county, where he lived for some time, later settling at Leechburg, Armstrong county, where he passed the remainder of his life. He died in March, 1874, at Leechburg, and is buried in the Evergreen cemetery there. He was a carpenter by calling, and in the pursuit of his trade built many barns in Westmoreland county. He also followed farming. Mr. McCracken married Anna Mears, daughter of James and Mary (Steele) Mears, and to them were born the following children: John, who died young; James, who died young; Rev. John C., a Presbyterian minister, now residing at Vandergrift, Pa. (he was educated at Washington and Jefferson College and at the Western Theological Seminary, where he was graduated in 1878, and is still in the active ministry); James F.; Samuel; and Catherine, wife of William Welsh, a business man of Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

James F. McCracken, son of James and Anna (Mears) McCracken, was born Aug. 6, 1848, at Leechburg, where he passed all his life, dying May 10, 1895, when still in his prime. For several years he followed the carpenter's trade, and then engaged in the lumber business, which he followed the rest of his life. He was a large man physically. Mr. McCracken was a Republican in politics but not active in his party, but he took a deep interest in the Presbyterian Church, of which

he was a zealous member, serving as treasurer and trustee. Mr. McCracken married Emma Frances Garver, who was born Sept. 10, 1851, and survives him, making her home at Leechburg. They had two children, Paul A. and Mary H., the latter unmarried.

Paul A. McCracken received his early education in public school at Leechburg, later attending high school at Pittsburgh and Duff's commercial college in that city, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1891. He then became bookkeeper for the Leechburg Lumber Company, of which his father was a one-third owner, and after the death of his father he assumed his interest in the yard. In 1897 he bought out the other members of the firm, and is now the sole owner of the company, which has prospered greatly under his management. He does all kinds of mill work, and has established a trade which places him among the most substantial business men of the borough. He is also a director of the Farmers' National Bank at Leechburg.

Mr. McCracken is well known in local Masonic circles, belonging to Leechburg Lodge, No. 577, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; to Orient Chapter, R. A. M., at Kittanning; to Tancred Commandery, No. 48, of Pittsburgh, and to Pittsburgh Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Pittsburgh. In politics he is a Republican and active in the local work of the party, having served as judge of elections, and he has served his borough as councilman. He is also interested in church work as a member of the Presbyterian Church, which he has served officially as trustee and treasurer.

On May 10, 1898, Mr. McCracken married Mary E. Morgan, daughter of John and Sarah (Jones) Morgan, and they have one son, James W., who is now in school.

William Garver, Mr. McCracken's maternal grandfather, married Isabella Wooderson, and they had the following children: Minerva, Elizabeth, Harriet, Oscar, Emma Frances (Mrs. McCracken), Mary and Willa.

HEILMAN. A number of the Heilmans of Armstrong county are descended from Frederick Heilman, who moved into this region from Dauphin county, Pa., and who was one of the sons of Peter and Elizabeth (Harter) Heilman, who settled in Kittanning township in 1795-96.

Peter Heilman, eldest son of Frederick, was born in July, 1819, on the home farm, where he died Feb. 25, 1878. He was a prosperous farmer, and energetic in business matters, operating a brick yard on his farm, and meeting with substantial success in his ventures. In 1871 he was elected county commissioner, being a member of the board which erected the Armstrong county jail, which has the reputation of being one of the finest and strongest structures of the kind in the United States. This building was completed in 1873, at a cost of $252,000. Its foundation is 24 feet deep, from the surface, and 7 feet wide from the bottom. After his service as commissioner Mr. Heilman devoted all his time to his own affairs. He had previously been school director, and during the Civil war he served as enrolling officer. He was a Republican on political questions. He was an esteemed member and liberal supporter of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, which he served officially. By his first wife, Susanna Helfrich, daughter of Anthony Helfrich (whose wife was named Schutt or Shutt), he had three children, namely: Amanda, who never married; Albert, who starved to death in Andersonville prison, while a Union soldier; and one that died in infancy. His second, Elizabeth (Remaley), daughter of Anthony Remaley, of Kiskiminetas township, was the mother of ten children, viz.: James M., William M., Reuben (a hardware merchant), John F., George (who died aged twenty-one years), Frank (who died when eighteen years old), Eliza (wife of Frank McClister), Edward (in the hardware business), Charles C. (president of the Merchants' Trust Company Bank, of Greensburg—he spells the name Hileman) and Curtin A. (engaged as a furniture dealer at Greensburg).

Anthony Remaley, grandfather of Mrs. Peter Heilman, married a daughter of Anthony Schaeffer, who was a Revolutionary soldier, and afterward clerk in the State Senate. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Remaley had a son Anthony whose daughter married Peter Heilman. The Heilmans worshipped at the old Heller Church, near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

William M. Heilman was born April 7, 1850, at Kittanning, and was educated in the public schools of his neighborhood. When twenty-one years old he began business as a contractor and builder, in partnership with his brother J. M. Heilman, this association continuing until 1878, when another brother, John F., came into the business, the firm name becoming Heilman Brothers. In connection with their large contracting business the brothers erected a planing mill, equipping it with

modern machinery and appliances, driven by a fifty-horsepower engine. An extensive business was carried on, the firm contracting for and building houses in Armstrong, Westmoreland, Allegheny, Butler and Venango counties. In 1909 the firm was incorporated as Heilman Brothers & Co. Lumber Company, with William M. Heilman as treasurer. In 1905 Mr. Heilman was elected vice president of the Kittanning Plate Glass Company, and in May, 1911, was elected president and general manager of that concern, which offices he held at the time of his death. Employment is given to five hundred persons. The plant is well equipped and modern in every detail. Under the efficient and active supervision of Mr. Heilman the company's affairs were brought into excellent condition. In addition to these interests, Mr. Heilman was a stockholder and director in the Fort Pitt Powder Company. For a number of years he was a councilman of Kittanning, and he was one of the first men to advocate the paving and sewering of the borough, and through his persistence the improvements were made.

On Oct. 13, 1874, Mr. Heilman married Emma L. Anderson, daughter of Robert Anderson, and eight children were born to this union: Harry A.; Frank W.; Mary A.; Blanche L.; Helen E., who was graduated from Washington Seminary in 1911 and is now in Vassar College, class of 1915. All these are living, three having died in infancy. Mr. Heilman is a member of Blue Lodge No. 244, F. & A. M., and Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M., both of Kittanning, and of Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, K. T., and Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. During a European trip a few years ago Mr. Heilman enjoyed being a visitor to various lodges in the different countries he visited. Probably few men have had the opportunity to meet so many fellow Masons as he. While at Madeira, Rome, various German cities, in Egypt even, he was the guest of the Masonic lodges in those places. One spot of interest to which he made a special trip was the stone quarry from which King Solomon secured the stone for the building of the temple, so intimately associated with Masonic rites. During this trip Mr. Heilman was accompanied by his eldest daughter. He was a Republican in politics. Mr. Heilman died on the 16th day of June, 1914.

Frank W. Heilman, M. D., a physician and surgeon of Kittanning, was born in that city Oct. 27, 1877, son of William M. Heilman. Like his brother and sisters, Mr. Heilman first attended school at Kittanning, passing through the grammar and high school grades. He then took up the study of medicine, entering the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, and being graduated from that institution in 1902. For a short time he practiced medicine at Kittanning, and then went to Europe to finish his medical training, taking a course of studies at the University of Berlin, Germany, and in France, Italy, Russia and England, spending five years abroad in all. Returning to Kittanning in 1908, he resumed his practice. Dr. Heilman is one of the most skilled physicians and surgeons of Armstrong county, and his practice is very large.

The Heilman family is one of the oldest and best known in Armstrong county, and its representatives have been and are men considerably above the average. They are to be found in all the learned professions, occupying offices of great responsibility, and active in commercial life. All of them have been ready and willing to give time and attention toward the betterment of existing conditions, and labored to bring about a moral uplift. It is such men as these, and those whom they influence, who work out reforms, and maintain good standards wherever they are found.

REV. G. A. REICHERT.—Pioneer Work in Western Pennsylvania (*"Lutheran Observer,"* Feb. 8, 1877).

"The fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever?" What the strength of the foundation is to a building, the character of pioneer missionary work is to the future of the church. Among the pioneers of the Lutheran Church in western Pennsylvania, Rev. Gabriel A. Reichert occupies a conspicuous place.

Father Reichert was born in Durlach, Baden, Germany, Feb. 25, 1796. His parents died when he was eleven years of age. He graduated at the seminary at fourteen, studied at the law school in Carlsruhe two and a half years, when he received a license as a government clerk, and on removing to Mannheim he held the office of notary public while he remained in Europe. He departed for America May 3, 1817, and arrived at Philadelphia July 28, after a voyage of seventy-six days.

After visiting several places in the vicinity, he heard of the arrival of a clerical friend at New York, where he joined him, and both proceeded to Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, where

his companion took charge of a Lutheran congregation.

From this point he made two voyages to the West Indies, during the last of which he encountered a heavy storm, and came near being shipwrecked. In referring to this he made the following record in his diary: "I was so near death's door that I expected every moment would be my last, and our mate, a rough, hardened sinner, told me, as the waves broke over the vessel, 'Mr. Reichert, to-morrow we'll all be in hell.' Shortly after this the mate was washed overboard, and was the only one lost." This made such an impression on him that he resolved that if God spared him, he would devote the remainder of his life to His service.

This became the turning point in young Reichert's life. On arriving at Lunenburg, he commenced the study of theology, and began to teach school. But as the facilities for the prosecution of his studies were limited in Nova Scotia, he returned to Philadelphia Oct. 3, 1820, considerably straitened in his means. Finding no door of employment open, he traveled on foot through Chester, Berks and Lancaster counties, in search of a school; after many disappointments, he at last found one on the Columbia turnpike, three miles from Lancaster, where he taught five months, and continued his theological studies with Dr. Endress, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, in that city. In this church he preached his first sermon Oct. 15, and on June 21, 1821, he was licensed to preach the gospel by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. During the succeeding year, he traveled through eastern Pennsylvania, teaching school, and preaching as opportunity offered.

In 1822 he was appointed a traveling missionary, and entered upon pioneer work in the State. The extent of his field, and the character of his labors, may be learned from his own account. "With God," says he, "I left Lancaster, July 14, 1822, visiting the counties of Lancaster, Perry, Huntingdon, Indiana, Venango and Erie, western part of New York, northern part of Pennsylvania, Tioga, Centre, Columbia and Luzerne, having preached fifty-one times, baptized sixty-one, administered the sacrament to fifty-nine, and traveling 1,320 miles, and occupying three months." His salary was $10 a month, out of which his own expenses and those of his horse had to be deducted.

He selected as his missionary field the counties of Blair, Indiana, Crawford and Venango. He served six congregations at a time, and it required a month to make the round of his district, where there are now from thirty to forty Lutheran congregations. In 1828 he moved to Kittanning, where he served a number of congregations until 1838, when he was called as assistant to Dr. C. R. Demme, pastor of St. Michael's and Zion's German Lutheran congregations of Philadelphia, where he labored seventeen years. He then removed to his farm near Kittanning, where he ministered to the Lutheran congregation and a few others in the vicinity, confining his labors during the last two years of his life to Kittanning, where he preached his last sermon three weeks before his death, Sept. 18, 1877, at the age of more than four-score years.

Father Reichert was married Sept. 16, 1823, to Miss Lydia Tyson, then sixteen years old, one of his first catechumens. (She was of English Quaker descent, tall, slender and fair, with blue eyes and very heavy golden brown hair, said to have been a yard and a quarter long. Her ancestor, Renier Tyson, settled at Abington, Pa., in the year 1682. He was a Friend. His eldest son was born there in 1686. Mrs. Reichert's father was a miller in Indiana county, Pa.) Mr. and Mrs. Reichert made their wedding trip on horseback, riding forty miles to the nearest preacher.

We became acquainted with Father Reichert, as a member of the Synod of Pennsylvania, at our licensure in 1839, and met him for several years after at its annual meetings. We saw him for the last time at the dedication of Zion's new church on Franklin square in this city (Philadelphia) about twelve years ago. As we bade him a final adieu, as he stood in the chancel, he said to us with deep earnestness, "Bruder Conrad, lasset uns Gott bitten das wir alle wieder eins werden" ("Brother Conrad, let us beseech God that we may all become united again"), and to which we responded, Amen.

It afforded us special gratification to meet the widow and two of the daughters of the departed pioneer missionary and from whom we obtained the data for the sketch of his life and labors given above. They are so instructive that we present them to our readers, with the assurance that they will be read with interest, not only by his relatives and parishioners, but also by the pastor and members of the Lutheran Churches in northwestern Pennsylvania, occupying the territory over which he traveled, and where he broke the ground of the fields which they have since cultivated. "Remember the days of old."

"Other men labored, and ye have entered into their labors."

The children of Rev. G. A. Reichert were: Gabriel Adam, Louisa Caroline, Rosena, John Earnest, Theresa (died in infancy), Magdalena, Jacob Philip Blarrer and Alexandrina. Two still survive (Dec. 26, 1913): Philip, residing on the old homestead near Manorville, and Alexandrina.

Rev. G. A. Reichert was one of a family of four, three brothers and one sister: Frederica, who married Baron Philip Von Blarrer and lived on their estate on Lake Constance (they had no children); Gabriel Adam; Adam Gabriel, an official in Germany, whose wife's name was Anna Theresa (they had two daughters, Frederica and Christina); and Ernest, who also remained in Germany, a wholesale dry goods merchant, who had two children, Louisa and Alexandrina. From the time of his parents' death Gabriel Adam Reichert and his sister were reared by their grandmother Friedricha.

The Tyson family, to which Mrs. G. A. Reichert belonged, has an interesting history. Henry Tyson was so large a man—seven feet, three inches in height—that in order to make him comfortable during his last illness the footboard had to be removed from the bed and a bench placed for his feet to rest upon.

JAMES HEILMAN has never moved from the old Heilman homestead in Kittanning township, Armstrong county, where he was born Feb. 15, 1829, in the old log house where he still lives and which dates back to the year before his birth, being now more than eighty-six years old. The youngest child in the family of Jacob and Susanna (Waltinbough) Heilman, he is a grandson of Peter and Elizabeth (Harter) Heilman, of whom a considerable account appears elsewhere in this work. His great-grandfather, Christian, was the emigrant ancestor of the family, and settled in Northampton county, Pa. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution from that county, as shown on page 308, General Muster, 4th Battalion, Northampton county, May 14, 1778, Col. John Siegfried, Captain Edleman.

Jacob Heilman, the youngest of the family of twelve children born to Peter and Elizabeth (Harter) Heilman, said to have been born in Northampton county in April, 1791, lived on the Peter Heilman tract in Kittanning township where his parents settled in 1795-96. He was a distiller, and it was he who made the celebrated Heilman whiskey. He died Dec. 27, 1876 (tombstone says 1877), in his eighty-sixth year. His wife, Susanna (Waltinbough), who died April 27, 1878, in her eighty-sixth year, was a daughter of John Adam and Rosina (Hoover) Waltinbough, the former a mechanic, by trade a blacksmith. He served as a soldier in the Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Waltinbough were pioneers in Kittanning township. He died Aug. 1, 1833, aged eighty-two years, his wife Sept. 12, 1822, in her sixty-fourth year. The list of their children will be found in the Heilman family sketch previously referred to.

James Heilman had limited educational opportunities, only such as the schools of the neighborhood afforded. A born farmer, he took the greatest pride in his fine orchards and live stock, and in improving his property. He also engaged in merchandising, and was appointed postmaster, serving four years in that position. An intelligent, honorable man, and a deep thinker, he has always been a promoter of business enterprises which were for the good of the community. He has spent all his life among the scenes of the father and grandfather who were the founders of his home for him.

On Oct. 9, 1856, Mr. Heilman married Magdalena Reichert, who was born Jan. 9, 1837, at the Reichert residence, on the corner of Water and Mulberry streets, Kittanning, daughter of Rev. G. A. and Lydia (Tyson) Reichert. Her father moving to Philadelphia she spent her childhood there and received her education in that city. When she was seventeen years of age her father removed to his farm near Kittanning, and two years later Magdalena, at the age of nineteen, married James Heilman, residing on the old Heilman homestead during the remainder of her life. Her death occurred April 2, 1904. She was a woman of fine mind and noble character, and is held in loving memory by all her children. Four sons and six daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Heilman: James Tyson resides in Kittanning; Ella Louise died unmarried; Emanuel Schmauck died in childhood; Rosina Caroline died aged twenty-four years, unmarried; Jacob Philip died in infancy; Ulysses G. is next in the family; Grace Reichert, who taught school, died unmarried; Maggie Grant married Dr. David L. Everhart, of Melbern, Ohio, and has three children, Ward A., Bernice and Claire; Emma Rebecca, Mrs. Ellis, is deceased; Ethelina is the wife of John L. Lerner.

Ethelina Heilman, youngest child of James and Magdalena (Reichert) Heilman, attended the State normal school at Slippery Rock

several terms, and taught school for two terms. She was married Jan. 30, 1912, to John L. Lerner, and they have one child, James Richard. They reside on the old homestead of her father in Kittanning township. Mrs. Lerner is a member of the Lutheran Church.

ROBINSON. The Robinsons of Hovey township are descendants of Elisha Robinson, Sr., who came to this section of Armstrong county in 1814. He and his posterity, in turn, have been associated with the development and history of the region continuously since.

The Robinson family is of old and honored standing in this country, where it has been settled from early Colonial days. The emigrant ancestor, Isaac Robinson, the son of Rev. John Robinson, of Leyden, and Bridget White, his wife, was born about 1610 and came to New England in 1631, first settling at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Lieut. Peter Robinson, son of Isaac by his second wife, Mary, was born between 1653 and 1666-67, probably at Falmouth. He married Experience Manton, daughter of John Manton, of Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard. He afterward removed to Windham, Conn., where he resided until his death, which was some time between Feb. 6, 1739, and April 15, 1740.

Peter Robinson (2), son of Lieut. Peter and his wife Experience Manton, was born about 1697 at Windham, Conn. He married Ruth Fuller, daughter of Samuel Fuller, of Mansfield, June 30, 1725, and died March 22, 1785.

Experience Robinson, son of Peter (2), was born April 22, 1728, and married Zerviah Palmer, daughter of Eliezer Palmer, Feb. 14, 1748-49. He died Sept. 10, 1807.

Andrew Robinson, son of Experience and his wife Zerviah Palmer, was born Aug. 1, 1762. He was married three times, first on March 10, 1785, to Olive Hovey, daughter of Ebenezer and Dorcas (Corbin) Hovey, and sister of Dr. Simeon Hovey. He died June 10, 1849.

Elisha Robinson, son of Andrew and Olive (Hovey) Robinson, was the owner of the land in Armstrong county, Pa., where oil was first discovered leading to the development of the Parker and Butler county fields. He was one of the best known of the early settlers in his section, where he lived from 1814. Mr. Robinson was a native of Connecticut, born Dec. 4, 1791, in Windham. He learned the trade of tanner with a Mr. Bingham, of his native town, and in 1814 set out for what was then the West, his uncle, Dr. Hovey, having promised to build a tannery for him and make him his heir. In 1814 he located in that part of old Perry township now known as Hovey, in Armstrong county, Pa., upon the land where his son Elisha afterward resided. Here he engaged in shoemaking and had a tannery, undoubtedly the first in the northern part of Armstrong county, and carried on both lines, in which he met with steady success. This industry was continued there for over fifty years, Mr. Robinson following same for over thirty years, until about 1846, when he turned it over to his son Samuel. For the next quarter of a century he devoted himself to farming, which he always followed, having a gristmill also. The log school which he built for his children is still standing. When he arrived in this region he began improving part of the tract belonging to his uncle, Dr. Simeon Hovey (in whose honor Hovey township was named), and his first purchase of land was the "Thom's run" property, a tract of 100 acres which he paid for in shoes and leather, working to acquire his land. "A Revolutionary soldier named Joseph Thom was a pioneer settler on the stream which is still known as Thom's run. He built the first sawmill in this part of the county, and operated it for several years. He sold his tract of land to Elisha Robinson (Sr.) and moved away." With his wife Mr. Robinson inherited the property of his uncle, Dr. Hovey, who was married but left no children, dying in 1837, in his seventy-eighth year.

As Mr. Robinson's receipts after the opening of the oil industry were so large as to place him among those who became very wealthy as a result of that activity, it is only just to him to say that his well-directed industry and good management as a business man and farmer had brought him independence before then. He prospered by dint of enterprise and energy, becoming the owner of 1,100 acres in his home farm, besides acquiring other interests. This farm became one of the most noted properties in the entire oil region, for there were made the first discoveries of oil leading to the development of the Parker and Butler county fields. (The Grant farm in Butler county, which became famous as oil territory and produced from $200,000 to $300,000 worth of petroleum, was sold by Mr. Robinson for $100, and never paid for until its value as oil property was discovered.) In 1865 a portion of the Robinson farm a quarter of a mile north of Parker

City was purchased by the Philadelphia Company, and a well was sunk under the superintendency of W. D. Robinson, son of Elisha Robinson. Oil was struck Oct. 10th of that year. This well (the first oil discovered in the county) proved to have a production of about twenty-five barrels a day, which was an important yield at the price of oil which then prevailed—$8.50 per barrel. This well was controlled by the Clarion and Allegheny River Oil Company, and was known as Clarion No. 1. No important results immediately followed the discovery, though within the next few years the pioneer operators had demonstrated beyond doubt that the territory around Parker's Landing was rich in petroleum. Mr. Robinson began to lease his land to the operators for one-eighth to one-fourth royalties, and as a large number of good wells were soon struck he found himself in receipt of a substantial income. It was not until the latter half of the year 1869 that a genuine oil excitement revealed the importance of the oil fields surrounding Parker. About a dozen wells had been put down on the hill near Parker prior to the time mentioned. But these test wells had proclaimed the value of the Butler county oil territory in addition to that of Armstrong, and such an impetus was given to the business that it speedily became known that Parker was to become an important point as a base of operations for producers and operators.

In the fall of 1871 Mr. Robinson placed the oil business under the control of his son Elisha, who succeeded him upon his death, which occurred Oct. 17, 1874, after a short illness. His sons Elisha and Samuel succeeded to the ownership of the homestead farm. He was a man of sterling character and high moral standards, scrupulously honorable in all his dealings, benevolent in disposition and highly esteemed by all. Politically he was a lifelong Democrat.

On Jan. 7, 1816, soon after settling in Armstrong county, Mr. Robinson married Elizabeth Rohrer, of Greensburg, a niece of Dr. Simeon Hovey's wife. She survived him, passing away Sept. 21, 1881. Ten children were born to this marriage, namely: Simeon Hovey, born March 20, 1817; Mary Ann, Jan. 14, 1819 (married George Bovard, of Manorville); William D., Oct. 20, 1820 (ran a store at Parker's Landing from 1843 to 1869, not conducting the business personally all the time, however; he subsequently moved to Kittanning); Olive, June 28, 1822 (married Thomas McConnell); Simeon Hovey (2), May 2, 1824 (settled in Hovey township); Frederick Augustus, May 22, 1826; Andrew Jackson, April 17, 1828; Samuel M., March 10, 1830; Elisha, Dec. 4, 1832 (both settled in Hovey township); and Frederick Rohrer, May 29, 1835—all deceased.

Samuel Marshall Robinson, son of Elisha, was born March 10, 1830, on the old homestead farm in Hovey township, near Parker's Landing, was reared at that place and had his home there throughout his life, his family still occupying the farm. He received a good common school education and practical training for life with his father, who not only taught him his trade but business principles. Though only a youth when the tanning business was turned over to him, he made a success of conducting it, which he did for twenty years, until he embarked in the oil business, which he followed in Armstrong and adjoining counties. He was one of the operators who produced largely, and he also continued to follow farming, besides dealing to a considerable extent in stock, frequently shipping fat cattle to the Eastern markets. His home place contained 165 to 170 acres, over which he kept personal supervision, and there in 1874 he built the substantial brick dwelling ever since occupied by his family. He also owned a 208-acre tract in Butler county, highly improved and profitable property, now owned by his son and daughter.

In his active years Mr. Robinson was associated with many projects of leading importance in the advancement of his section, and he gave his encouragement to many others which enlisted his interest and in whose value he had faith. As a citizen he was public-spirited, and not only took an interest in the affairs of his community but himself assisted in the administration of local government, holding all the offices in Hovey township. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a prominent member of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Foxburg, and served many years as senior warden. His ability and well-directed energy made him a valuable associate in any cause he chose to support. His death, which occurred April 1, 1908, was regarded as a public loss.

On Sept. 13, 1860, Mr. Robinson married Emma Louisa Prosser, who was born in Butler, Pa., Dec. 21, 1838, daughter of Charles and Eliza (Brinker) Prosser, of Butler county, Pa. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Marshall Robinson: (1) Samuel, born June 18, 1861, died when fourteen years old. (2) Charles, born Oct. 11, 1863, took the collegiate and law courses at Harvard Uni-



Mr. and Mrs. John Heilman

versity and is now engaged in legal practice at Pittsburgh, Pa. He married Alma Lord, of that city, and they have two children. (3) Emma C., born Jan. 11, 1866, died unmarried at the age of twenty-four years. (4) Elizabeth R., born Nov. 4, 1869, who lives at home, received her higher education in the Pennsylvania College for Women, at Pittsburgh. (5) Paul D., born May 3, 1872, died at the age of twenty-nine years, unmarried. (6) Frederick A., born Sept. 20, 1878, is engaged in farming at the old Robinson homestead near Parker's Landing. He received his education in the schools of Armstrong county. (7) Bertha May, born June 4, 1876, died when two years old.

Elisha Robinson, son of Elisha and Elizabeth (Rohrer) Robinson, was born Dec. 4, 1832, on the home farm in Hovey township. He was one of the foremost residents of that section throughout his active years. Reared on the farm where he continued to reside, he received his early education in the common schools and later attended the academy at Kittanning. In 1861 he engaged in the general merchandise business at the mouth of the Thom's run, and for about five years carried on this store, which was located between his residence and Parker City, in 1866 settling on the home where he resided until his death, April 2, 1912. In 1871 he took charge of his father's oil business and continued to have interests in that line, succeeding his father upon the latter's death. He operated but little himself, however, leasing his land on royalty. Mr. Robinson owned about seven hundred acres of valuable land in Armstrong and Butler counties, all improved, and with up-to-date buildings, and he was always considered one of the most progressive agriculturists in Armstrong county, advocating modern ideas and putting the most approved modern methods into practice on his estate, which is highly improved. He was also a successful stock breeder, making a specialty of blooded stock, and purchasing in Kentucky and Ohio. When the Petroleum Agricultural Association was organized, in 1881, he became one of the first directors, and was considered one of the most valuable members of that organization.

Mr. Robinson was one of the oldest members of the Parker City Methodist Episcopal Church, with which he united in 1857, and which he served as steward and class leader. In 1902 he erected the Robinson Memorial Chapel on his farm as a family memorial, and in 1902 built the parsonage. His wife also belonged to the same church, though she was originally a Presbyterian. In politics he was formerly a Democrat, but later a stanch Prohibitionist. He held the township offices of overseer of the poor, school director and justice of the peace, having been elected to the latter in 1868 and served three years, resigning when he took charge of his father's oil business.

On Nov. 24, 1857, Mr. Robinson was married to Caroline Truby, of Brookville, Jefferson county, Pa., daughter of Samuel and Anna (Sterling) Truby, and ten children were born to this union: (1) Frederick Rohrer died in infancy. (2) Elisha M., who died at the age of forty, was a resident of Pittsburgh and engaged in the store business. He married Virginia McClintock, who now lives at Robinson, and three sons also survive him, Philip, Harold and Richard. (3) Annie T. married Rev. John E. Eggert, a Presbyterian minister formerly located at Kansas, Ill., now of Harrington, Del. They have two living children, Joseph A. and Elizabeth. (4) Samuel T., an oil producer and farmer, resides at Robinson. He married Emma Leonard, of Parker, and has three children, Elisha (married Mary O'Donnell), Helen (married James Berry and resides at Oil City) and Malcolm (at home). (5) Elizabeth R. is the wife of A. Sydney Wightman, president of the State Bank of Parker's Landing, and they have one child, A. Sydney, Jr. (6) Horatio is deceased. (7) Ernest William married Mary Purvis. They have no children. (8) Olive G. married J. Bentley Forker, of Oil City, Pa., and has three sons, Bentley T., Lee T. and Truby. (9) Alice M. is the wife of William Truman, of Brookville, Pa., and has seven children, Olive, Henry, Ruth, Caroline, Elisha, William and Joseph Bentley. (10) Chase S. served during the Spanish-American war, enlisting in April, 1908, in Company H, 10th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and receiving his discharge in January, 1909, on account of disability. He had a severe attack of malarial fever, from which he has never fully recovered. He now resides on the paternal farm, having a tract of 200 acres, which originally formed part of the family estate and to whose care he gives his attention. He married Rachel Collner.

JOHN HEILMAN, a retired farmer of Manor township, Armstrong county, is now in his ninety-second year and one of the venerable citizens of that section. He was born there Dec. 7, 1822, in what was then Kittanning (now Manor) township, on part of the

place where he now lives, and is a son of Jacob and Susanna (Waltinbough) Heilman, both of whom belonged to families conspicuous among the pioneer settlers and prominent landowners of Kittanning township. Both names appear frequently in the old legal records and assessment lists of Armstrong county. On the assessment lists of 1807 the Heilmans appear as owners of mills, distilleries and large tracts of land. The name in old records is found written Hileman and Hyleman.

Peter Heilman, grandfather of John Heilman, was born in Alsace-Lorraine, son of Christian Heilman, and was but two years old when his parents crossed the Atlantic to settle in America. The mother died on the way, and was buried at sea. The father settled in Northampton county, Pa., where he remained until his death. Peter Heilman was reared in Northampton county and there learned the trade of weaver. He married Elizabeth Harter, and came with his wife to Armstrong county, settling in Kittanning township in 1795-96. He had a tract of 350 acres, upon which he erected the log buildings usually found in those days. He reared a family of twelve children, and died at the home of his son Jacob when eighty-two years old. In politics he was an old-line Democrat, and in religion was associated with the Lutheran Church. A full sketch of his family appears elsewhere in this work.

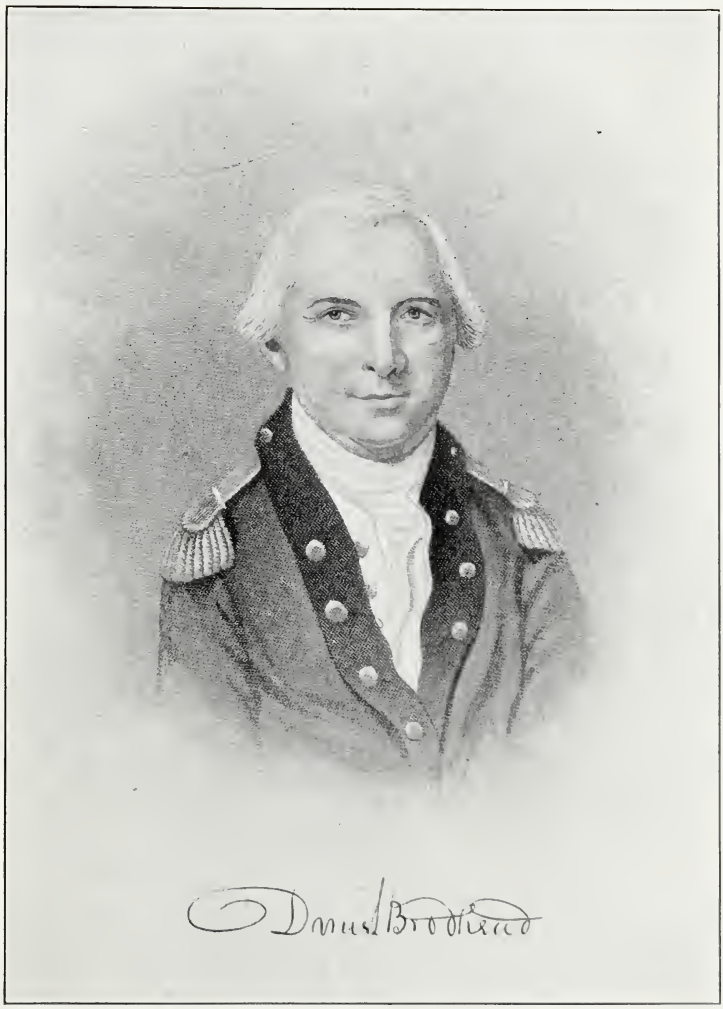
Jacob Heilman was born in April, 1791, in Northampton county, and died in Kittanning township, Armstrong county, Dec. 27, 1876, in his eighty-sixth year. He was an extensive farmer, owning eight hundred acres of land, and was a prominent distiller of his day, when Armstrong county whiskey had a reputation as far south as New Orleans for being good, and the "Heilman whiskey" was highly esteemed as one of the purest whiskies in the market. When his son John was six years old Jacob Heilman purchased the old home tract from the heirs, and lived there until his death. He started in life with an ax and grubbing hoe, and acquired his wealth by honest labor and judicious management. He was a good business man, served his township as school director, and in political connection was originally a Democrat, becoming a Republican upon the organization of the party, in 1854. He married Susanna Waltinbough, daughter of Adam Waltinbough, of Fayette county. She died April 27, 1878, in her eighty-sixth year, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Heilman were the parents of four children: John Adam, deceased, who married Eliza Wilson; Christina, deceased; John; and James, born Feb. 15, 1829, who married Magdalena Reichert, daughter of Rev. G. A. Reichert.

John Heilman grew to manhood on the home place and in time purchased 181 acres of the tract, where he continued to follow general farming throughout his active years. He has always ranked among the most progressive agriculturists of his time, and improved his land much beyond the ordinary, taking a practical interest in up-to-date methods and putting into application many ideas generally considered in advance of the day. His property shows the effect of his discriminating care, being one of the most desirable in this part of the county. Mr. Heilman has been a Republican in politics since the formation of the party. He has several times been elected to the office of township supervisor.

On April 1, 1852, Mr. Heilman married Eleanor Wilson, a native of Westmoreland county, born Feb. 27, 1835, daughter of Robert and Eleanor (Hilborn) Wilson, who moved about 1840 to Manor township, Armstrong county, where Mr. Wilson farmed until his death. He came from near Murrysville, Westmoreland county. The Wilsons were of Scotch-Irish stock. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Heilman, the eldest three dying in childhood. The others are: Amos Simeon, John Arthur, Jacob Lemuel, Edgar Hilborn and Ellen Gertrude.

JOHN ARTHUR HEILMAN, son of John Heilman, was born Feb. 1, 1860, at the home place, of which he is now owner, making his home there. He received his early education in the schools of the home district and at Kittanning, later attending school in Jefferson and Clearfield counties, Pa. All his attention has been devoted to farming, and he has made a specialty of dairying, his place being known as the Maple Grove dairy farm. Mr. Heilman owns ninety acres, and his wife has thirty-five, most of which is under cultivation. He has twenty full bred cows, and raises considerable hay and grain. Mr. Heilman is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Manorville, No. 932. He married Anna Ditty, and they have had three children, Paul C., Mildred A. and Lois Elva LaVerne.

GEN. DANIEL BRODHEAD, of Revolutionary fame, was born in Marbletown, Ulster Co., N. Y., in 1736, and died and was buried in Milford, Pa., Nov. 15, 1809. He was the great-grandson of Capt. Daniel Brodhead, of the English army, who came to this



Gen. Daniel Brodhead

country in 1664, as a member of the expedition commanded by Col. Richard Nichols, in the service of King Charles II, after the Restoration. After the surrender of Stuyvesant Captain Brodhead was sent up to Albany, in September, 1664, and was a witness to the treaty made with the Indians there in that month. He was afterward promoted to the command of the military forces of Ulster county, by commission from King Charles, dated Sept. 14, 1665, which position he held till his death in 1670. He left one daughter and two sons—Ann, Charles and Richard.

Richard Brodhead was born at Marbletown, N. Y., in 1666, and was the grandfather of General Brodhead. He had two sons, Richard, Jr., and Daniel, the latter born in Marbletown, Ulster Co., N. Y., in the year 1698. He died at Bethlehem, Pa., in the year 1755. This Daniel Brodhead, the General's father, removed with his family from Ulster county, N. Y., in the year 1737, to Danville, Pa., while his son Daniel was but an infant. The latter was the youngest of his three sons who reached maturity and married. Inured to the dangers of the Indian frontier from his very cradle, the impression made as he grew up among the scenes of Indian barbarities, and the outrages of the savages, helped to form his future character and to mold him into the grand, successful soldier and Indian fighter which his subsequent history proved him to be.

General Brodhead first appeared prominently in public life when he was elected a deputy from Berks county to a provincial meeting which met at Philadelphia, July 15, 1774, and served on a committee which reported sixteen resolutions, one of which recommended the calling of a Continental Congress and acts of non-importation and non-exportation from Great Britain. These were among the first steps toward the Revolution which followed. At the beginning of the war of the Revolution he was commissioned by the Assembly of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia as colonel of the 8th Regiment, Pa. Colonial Troops. He first participated in the battle of Long Island. Before the close of this battle he commanded the whole of the Pennsylvania contingent troops, composed of several battalions. He was especially mentioned by Washington in his report to Congress on this battle, for brave and meritorious conduct. He also participated in several other battles of the Revolution. Having received the approbation of Washington he was sent by him, in June, 1778, with his troops to Fort Muncy, where he rebuilt that fort formerly destroyed by the Indians, which command he held until Washington, in the following spring, recommended his selection to Congress for the command of the Western department. Washington, being personally acquainted and warmly attached to him, knew well his qualifications as a brave, judicious and competent general. Washington, with the sanction of Congress, issued an order, dated March 5, 1779, directing him to proceed to Fort Pitt, Pa., to take charge of the Western department, extending from the British possessions, at Detroit, on the north, to the French possessions (Louisiana) on the south, a command and responsibility equal to any in the Revolutionary army.

General Brodhead established the headquarters of his department at Fort Pitt, now Pittsburgh, Pa. He had under his command the posts of Fort Pitt, Fort McIntosh, Fort Laurens, Fort Tuscarora, Fort Wheeling, Fort Armstrong and Fort Holliday's Cove. He made a number of successful expeditions in person against the Indians with a large part of his command. In 1779 he executed a brilliant march up the Allegheny with 605 men, penetrating into New York, overcoming almost insurmountable difficulties, through a wilderness without roads, driving the Indians before him, depopulating and destroying their villages all along his route, killing and capturing many. This expedition began Aug. 11 and ended Sept. 14, 1779, between three hundred and four hundred miles in thirty-three days, through a wilderness without a road. General Brodhead received the thanks of Congress for this expedition, and the following acknowledgment from General Washington: "The activity, perseverance and firmness which marked the conduct of General Brodhead, and that of all the officers and men of every description in this expedition, do them great honor, and their services entitle them to the thanks and to this testimonial of the general's acknowledgment."

A great number of the thrilling Indian stories of which we read in the present day occurred under General Brodhead's command. The famous Captain Brady was a captain in General Brodhead's 8th Regiment, and seldom ever went out on a scout but by orders from the General. General Brodhead's devotion to the cause of liberty was untiring. He never doubted the result of the war, and his letters of encouragement to General Washington and others are part of the history of

our country. In one, lamenting the coldness of some former patriots, he writes: "There is nothing I so much fear as a dishonorable peace. For heaven's sake, let every good man hold up his hands against it. We have never suffered half I expected we should, and I am willing to suffer much more for the glorious cause for which I have and wish to bleed."

General Brodhead had a treble warfare to wage—a warfare which required the genius and daring of a soldier, the diplomacy of a statesman and the good, hard sense and clear judgment of an independent ruler over an extensive country composed of a variety of elements. He waged war upon the unfriendly Indians, and held as allies in friendship several friendly nations. He watched and controlled, to a great extent, the British influence upon the Indians in the direction of Detroit. He kept in subjection a large Tory element west of the mountains in sympathy with Great Britain, and punished them by confiscating their surplus stores and provisions for the benefit of his starving soldiers, when they had refused to sell to his commissary officers on the credit of the government; but he never resorted to this punishment until his starving soldiers paraded in a body in front of his quarters and announced they had had no bread for five days.

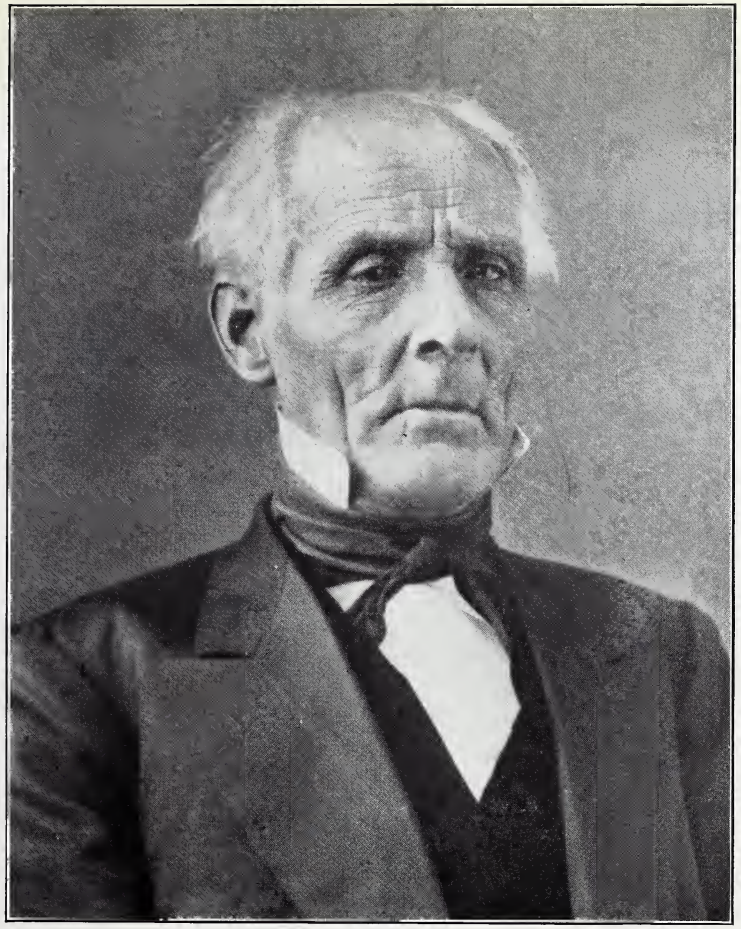
On June 24, 1779, General Brodhead issued his famous order directing Colonel Bayard to proceed to Kittanning and erect a fort at that point for the protection of all settlers desiring to settle in that vicinity, and for the better protection of the frontier. After the erection of this fort settlers took up land and built their houses around and in the vicinity of this fort, under its protection, until the accumulation of houses and homes in the vicinity transformed the Indian town of Kittanning into the present thriving capital of Armstrong county, which can only justly and truthfully be acknowledged the result of the fort erected by command of General Brodhead, and which he was too modest to have called after himself, regardless of the importunate efforts of Colonel Bayard, whom history shows to have earnestly entreated Brodhead to permit him to call it Fort Brodhead.

General Brodhead's untiring watchfulness of the settlements along the Allegheny, the building of his fort at Kittanning, his protection of the inhabitants in its vicinity until they became numerous enough to defend themselves, his modesty in not permitting the fort to be called after himself, justly entitle him to the credit of being the founder of Kittanning, just as the erecting of every fort on our western frontier from that day to this has been the foundation of a city or town which invariably sprang from such a planting, as Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne, Leavenworth, Fort Dodge, Detroit, for never until that time had Kittanning any white inhabitants, and never from that time until the present has it been without white inhabitants.

In 1781 General Brodhead was given command of the 1st Pa. Colonial Regiment, and during that year received his full commission as general. His services extended through the entire war of the Revolution, and at its close he was elected by the officers assembled at the cantonment of the American army on the Hudson river, May 10, 1783, as one of a committee to prepare the necessary papers for the organization of the Society of the Cincinnati. In 1789 General Brodhead was elected by the Pennsylvania Assembly surveyor general of the State of Pennsylvania, which position he held for nearly twelve years.

For his services in the Revolution General Brodhead received several thousand acres of land, which he located in western Pennsylvania. Besides this he purchased largely of land through western Pennsylvania, Virginia and Kentucky. He located much land in the vicinity of Kittanning and on the Allegheny, the scenes of his former exploits, which he never ceased to love. General Brodhead was twice married, and by his first wife, Elizabeth (Dupuy), had two children, Daniel and Ann Garton. The son, Daniel, Jr., was wounded at the battle of Long Island and captured, was exchanged, and died soon afterward. Like his father he was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati. The General's second marriage was to the widow of Gen. Samuel Mifflin. His only daughter, Ann Garton, married Casper Heiner, of Reading, Pa., a surveyor by profession and author of a series of mathematical works.

To Ann Garton Heiner and her children General Brodhead left all his lands and property. Ann Garton Heiner had but one son, John Heiner, who removed to Kittanning in 1812, and took possession of all the lands left him by his grandfather, General Brodhead. Capt. John Heiner died and was buried in Indiana, Pa., in 1833. He left but one son, Daniel Brodhead Heiner, late of Kittanning, Pa., and three daughters: Ann Eliza, who married John Mechling, sheriff of Armstrong county from 1845 to 1848; Margaret, who was



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twice married, first to a Mr. Carson, later to a Mr. Porterfield, and moved to Sidney, Ill.; and Catherine, wife of Gov. George W. Smith, of Lawrence, Kansas.

Ann Garton (Brodhead) Heiner had, besides her son John, four daughters. (1) Rebecca was the mother of Hon. Henry Johnson, of Muncy, Pa., presidential elector in 1848 on the Whig ticket, State senator of Pennsylvania from 1861 to 1864, and chairman of the Judiciary committee and author of the bill to entitle soldiers to vote in the field (after the Supreme court of Pennsylvania had decided their voting unconstitutional). She was the grandmother of Hon. Henry John Brodhead Cummings, colonel of the 39th Iowa Infantry during the war of the Rebellion, and member of Congress from the Des Moines district from 1877 to 1879. (2) Margaret married John Faulk, and was the mother of Hon. Andrew J. Faulk, governor of Dakota, from Aug. 4, 1866, to May 1, 1869, also superintendent of Indian Affairs for Dakota and member of the committee—with Gen. William T. Sherman, General Stanley and others—which made the famous treaty with the Sioux Indians at Fort Sully, Dak., in 1868. (3) Catherine married Colonel Brodhead, a distant cousin, descendant of a brother of Gen. Daniel Brodhead. General Brodhead's descendants by this marriage were the children of George Brodhead, of Kittanning; Mark Brodhead, of Washington; Mrs. Kate Van Wyke, wife of United States Senator Van Wyke, of Nebraska, and Mrs. Van Auken, wife of John Van Auken, member of Congress from Pike county from 1867 to 1871. (4) Mary married John Weitzel, of Reading, Pennsylvania.

HEINER. The Heiner family has been one of the most influential in Kittanning from its earliest days as a white settlement, and as the descendants and heirs of Gen. Daniel Brodhead the association dates back even further. Its present representatives in the borough, the brothers Hon. William G. Heiner and Hon. Daniel B. Heiner, have been conspicuously active in business circles and the administration of public affairs, the latter especially, as member of Congress and in other high positions of responsibility, rendering important services to his fellow citizens. For high character and distinguished ability the name has been honored in every generation as far back as known.

It is of ancient German origin and was originally spelled Hühner. Heinersdorf, an old German city of ten thousand inhabitants, was once destroyed by the Huns. Kraft Heiner, the first of this line to come to America, was from the city of Weinheim, then not far from the French and German border. He was a man of education, a physician by profession. At the nearby town of Lampertheim, on the Rhine, he married Anna Maria Gresheim, and they came to this country about the middle of the eighteenth century. At any rate, they were residents of Reading, Pa., in 1755. They were Huguenots, in America uniting with the German Reformed Church, and Dr. Heiner was one of a committee of two appointed to purchase ground for a church there for his people. The title was made out in his name, and the deed, given him by the Penn heirs, is recorded at Reading. The church is still in existence there. Kraft Heiner and his wife had one son, Casper Heiner.

Casper Heiner married Ann Garton Brodhead, daughter of Gen. Daniel Brodhead by his first wife, Elizabeth (Dupuy—now written Depew). They had but one son, John. Casper Heiner was a man of extraordinary attainments and mental power. As evidenced by his records, he followed the profession of surveyor. A book of 150 pages, 9 by 14 inches, entirely in his own handwriting, is now in the possession of his grandson, William G. Heiner, of Kittanning. Its title reads: "Casper Heiner, his ciphering book, Reading, Pa., Fourth Mo. 22nd 1767." It embraces, in condensed form, an analysis of various branches of mathematics, astronomy, chronology, navigation, etc., and the rules are so abbreviated, the examples so plainly stated, that an ordinary reader can comprehend them.

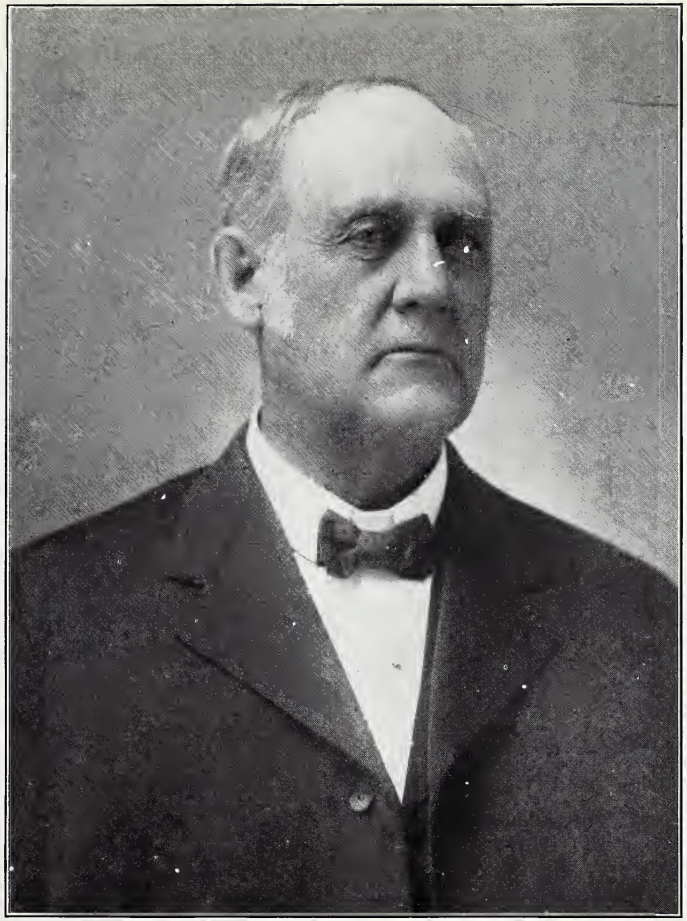
Capt. John Heiner, son of Casper and Ann Garton (Brodhead) Heiner, removed to western Pennsylvania in 1812 and took possession of all the lands left him by his grandfather, General Brodhead, locating temporarily at Indiana, Pa. At the breaking out of the war of 1812 he returned East with his family, to Charlestown, Va., the home of his wife's family, with whom he left his wife and children and entered the army as captain of volunteers, serving with distinction through the war. At its conclusion he removed again with his family to western Pennsylvania, locating at Kittanning, in which vicinity were many of the Brodhead lands. Captain Heiner was a prominent Mason. He died and was buried in Indiana, Pa., in 1833. His wife, Mary (Haynes), who lies buried in the old Kittanning cemetery, was a daughter of Peter

Haynes, a planter, of Shepherdstown, Va. Mr. Haynes served in the war of the Revolution and was an ardent patriot. That he was a man of high principles and advanced ideas is shown by the fact that he freed the slaves he owned. "One of the marked features of his life was a deep-seated hatred for Hessians because they fought against our liberties for pay alone. After the war of the Revolution if ever one spoke in his presence he never failed to strike him with his cane, regardless of consequences." John and Mary (Haynes) Heiner had two sons (one dying when a young man) and three daughters, as above mentioned in the sketch of General Brodhead.

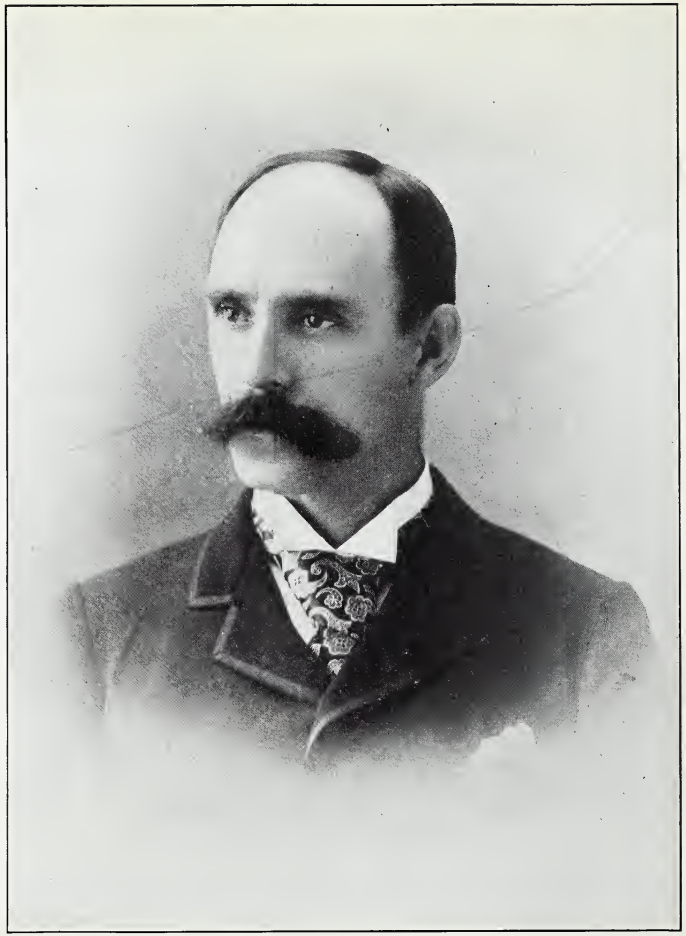
Daniel Brodhead Heiner, the only son of Capt. John Heiner to marry, was born Sept. 24, 1807, at Milford, Pike Co., Pa., and passed most of his life at Kittanning, where he died Dec. 29, 1883. For a number of years he was engaged in merchandising, and he served twenty years as justice of the peace. He grew up with the town. In early life he engaged in the mercantile business with Thomas McConnell, under the firm name of Heiner & McConnell, and later was in the same line with John Mechling, the firm being Heiner & Mechling. Mr. Heiner was a man of unswerving principles. A cousin of Hon. Richard Brodhead, United States senator from Pennsylvania from 1849 to 1855, who married the daughter of Jefferson Davis, afterward president of the Southern Confederacy, and with numerous relatives in Virginia, on his mother's side, who held commissions in the Southern army, he never wavered in his loyalty to his own belief in the right of the Union cause. As the only lineal male descendant of Gen. Daniel Brodhead he inherited a membership in the Society of the Cincinnati, which in turn descended to his eldest son, Capt. R. G. Heiner; the certificate of membership is signed by Generals Washington and Knox.

Mr. Heiner was a man of irreproachable morals, a Christian of the most exemplary type, and in every relation of his public and private life bore an unblemished reputation. "Seldom do we find a life so blameless and so full of the graceful amenities of Christian tenderness and social benignity. In the example of an upright and patriotic citizen, a kind and tender parent, and a consistent Christian deportment, he left a legacy of priceless inheritance." He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Kittanning and leading workers in that organization. Mr. Heiner was one of its founders, and for nearly fifty consecutive years a member of the official board of the church. He inherited his Methodism from his mother, who at the time of her death had been a member of the church for sixty years, and her father, Peter Haynes, was also a Methodist, "making a continuous succession from the very advent of John Wesley."

Mr. Heiner married Mary Graham, whose father, Robert Graham, was a pioneer of Butler, Pa., and one of its most public-spirited citizens in the early days. He came from Cumberland county, in the eastern part of the State. A large land-owner, he donated to Butler most of the land on which the city is now located, what is now the residence portion, the grant being made by a special act of the Legislature in 1803. He was also a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church. To Daniel Brodhead and Mary (Graham) Heiner were born nine children that lived to maturity: (1) Miss Mary Louisa lives at Kittanning, where she has been very active in church and charitable work. (2) Robert Graham entered the volunteer service for the Civil war and served throughout that struggle, in which he was twice wounded. He rose to be first lieutenant, and later entering the regular army saw service in Indian troubles on the frontier and became a captain (serving in the 1st Regiment, U. S. Infantry), holding that rank when he died, at Columbus Barracks, in Ohio. He is buried in Arlington cemetery, at Washington, D. C. By his marriage to Helen G. Schlemacher (now written Sleymaker), of Washington, D. C., where she still resides, he had three children. (3) John Haynes was a private in the 8th Pennsylvania Reserves and served throughout the Civil war, and was twice wounded. He is now in the oil business at Butler, and was one of the pioneer oil men of Butler county. Three children have been born to him and his wife, Mollie (Pershing), formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa. (4) William Graham is mentioned below. (5) Sarah K. married Rev. Jesse Franklin Core, of Washington, Pa. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having served in the 14th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. (6) Margaret J. died unmarried. (7) Anna E. married Capt. Timothy B. Burleigh, of Yankton, S. Dak., son of Dr. Walter Burleigh, formerly of Maine, a prominent physician in the early days of Kittanning. (8) Daniel Brodhead is mentioned later. (9) Lydia R., is the wife of Col. Percy Edwards Trippe, a West Point graduate, who was sent to the military school by Alexander Stevens, of Georgia. He has been connected with the



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10th U. S. Cavalry, and now has charge of recruiting stations, at New Orleans and elsewhere.

William Graham Heiner was born April 16, 1845, in Kittanning. His education was received under private tutors and at Dayton Academy, in Armstrong county, and in early manhood he became interested in the lines which have since engaged his attention. In 1864 he started the lumber and oil business, being one of the early operators in the oil fields of Venango, Butler and Armstrong counties. Then for many years he followed general contracting on an extensive scale, erecting the glass works and doing much more in the building up of Ford City, Armstrong county, as well as putting up many houses at Valley Point, Arnold and New Kensington, Pa. The brass bedstead works at Butler, Pa., were also of his construction. Naturally his various transactions led him to interest himself in local financial institutions, and he still maintains his connection with several banks, though now practically retired from active business. In 1898 he assisted in organizing the First National Bank of Ford City, and was the first president of the institution. After this he went to St. Louis, Mo., and built the town of Valley Park, in that State. After his return, in 1908, he organized the First National Bank of Bruin, Butler Co., Pa., and he is still a director of that bank and of the First National Bank of Parkers Landing. His landed investments in Butler and Armstrong counties comprise several hundred acres. Mr. Heiner has taken sufficient interest in the public affairs of his county to represent his district in the Legislature, in which he served two terms, having been first elected in 1876, and re-elected at the close of his first term. He discharged the duties of his office with the precision and insight into the needs of his constituents which they expected of one of his experience, and did his share in the enactment of general laws affecting State issues in the most commendable manner.

Mr. Heiner married Florence Ulan, of Leechburg, Armstrong county, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Harris) Ulan. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Heiner attend the Methodist Church, in which she holds membership. He maintains social connection with the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Heptasophs and Elks.

Daniel Brodhead Heiner was born in Kittanning, Dec. 30, 1857, and after availing himself of the educational advantages of local institutions took a higher course of study at Meadville, Pa., graduating from Allegheny College in 1879. Having decided upon the legal profession, he began reading law with E. S. Golden, of Kittanning, and was admitted to the bar in the year 1882, beginning practice immediately thereafter. For a number of years during the earlier part of his career he was engaged principally in public business as the incumbent of various civil positions. In 1886 he was elected district attorney of Armstrong county, serving as such for six years, two terms of three years each. In 1892 he was chosen to represent his district in Congress, and again had the honor of being reelected, holding the office for two successive terms. In 1897 he received the appointment, under President McKinley, of United States district attorney, for four years, at the end of which period he was appointed (again by McKinley) internal revenue collector for the Western district of Pennsylvania, giving eight years' service in that capacity. His legal practice has since occupied most of his attention. His principal business interest has been in banking, and he is still a director of the Armstrong County Trust Company and president of the First National Bank of Ford City, his acumen and foresight in financial matters being highly valued by his associates. Fraternally he holds membership in several societies, including the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and the Elks.

Mr. Heiner married Belle T. Acheson, of Washington, Pa., daughter of William Acheson, who was an ironmaster, for many years superintendent of the old Monticello Iron Works, in Armstrong county. He was a brother of Judge Marcus Acheson, of the United States court, and of Judge Alexander Acheson, of Washington, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Heiner have one son living, William Graham Heiner, a graduate of Yale and now taking a course in the law department of the University of Pittsburgh.

THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS OF WOLF AND FOX HUNTS IN THE YEAR 1828 ARE FROM THE KITTANNING GAZETTE, WHICH WAS ISSUED WEEKLY BY COPLEY, CROLL & CO. FILES KINDLY LOANED BY MRS. WILLIAM THAW, OF PITTSBURGH.

GRAND CIRCULAR HUNT.

(March 15 and 22, 1828.)

At a very large and highly respectable meeting of the citizens of Buffalo township, in Armstrong county, held at the house of Charles Sipes, in said township, on Saturday the 8th inst. for the purpose of consulting on some preparatory measures for a *Grand Circular Hunt,* to be held in said township.

The meeting was organized by calling Capt. JOHN DRUM to the chair, and appointing *H. S. Chadwick* Secretary.

On motion, the following persons were appointed a committee to draft resolutions, to be offered to the consideration of the meeting, viz: James Patterson, Jacob Mechling, jr. James Sloan, Samuel Porterfield, and W. W. Gibson. The committee retired, and after some time returned and reported the following, which were unanimously adopted.

1 *Resolved,* That the citizens of Buffalo townships and the adjoining townships, in Armstrong, Butler, Allegheny and Westmoreland counties, be invited to turn out on *Tuesday, the 25th of March inst.* at 7 o'clock, A. M. and form a line or circle for the purpose of encompassing the bounds hereinafter described viz:—The line to commence at Freeport, and continue up the Allegheny river to the mouth of Glade Run, to be under the superintendance of three marshals, to wit, Major Andrew Arnold, Henry Drum and Robert G. Mahaffey. Thence to continue up Glade Run to David Reed's, to be under the superintendance of three marshals, to wit, James Sloan, James Green sen. and James Maxwell. Thence by way of the public road from David Reed's to Beatty's mill on Buffalo creek, to be under the superintendance of two marshals, to wit, John Mechling and John R. Johnston, of Kittanning. Thence down Buffalo creek to the place of beginning, to be under the superintendance of five marshals, to wit, Samuel Porterfield, Wm. M'Creary, William Hatselgasser, Jacob Mechling jr. & Capt. John Drum. And that the following named persons be captains:—For the first described line, beginning at Freeport—W. W. Gibson, Benjamin F. Weaver, Thos. Robeson, Samuel Patterson, Benjamin Murphy, Daniel Fry, James Stuart, John Woods Jr. John Handcock, Daniel Shaeffer, Samuel Dougherty, Wm. Green, and William Sloan. *2d Line*—Wm. Kelly, Samuel Green, jr. Jos. Boney, David Maxwell, Leonard White and Joseph Bowser. *3d Line*—David Reed sen. John Reed, John Claypole, David Claypole, Jas. Campbell and Thomas M'Cullough. *4th Line*—David Beatty, John Smith, Jas. Hill, jr. John Hill, Thomas Kiskadon, Jacob Keenor, William Ralston, John Bricker, James Law, John Beatty, Abraham Leasure, John Hoover, David Bole, Wm. Coyle, William Hughs, John Kelty, Isaac Bole and David Scott.

2 *Resolved,* That the closing ground be on the farm of Isaac Frantz sen. and that the following named persons be a committee to mark out the enclosing ground, the day previous to the hunt, to wit: Hezekiah Claypole, Charles Sipes, Isaac Frantz, sen. Geo. Keenor, Wm. Sloan, sen. Wm. Shields, Abraham Lowman, Samuel Murphy, and William Morrison, who are requested to assemble at 9 o'clock, A. M. to mark out two circles with straw or otherwise: the outer circle 2½ miles in diameter, and the inner circle half a mile in diameter; as also to post themselves at equal distances on the outer circle, at 9 o'clock on the day of the hunt, for the purpose of assisting in conducting the close, and to prevent disorder.

3 *Resolved,* That *no fire arms be admitted;* but that every person attending be furnished with a horn, bells, dogs, (led) drums, rattles, &c., &c.; and that no horn be sounded until 8 o'clock A. M. of said day, when the signal for march will be given by the sound of the horn, commencing at Freeport, & extending each way until the signal becomes general, when the whole lines assembled will, by a slow, well directed movement, march direct towards the centre, until they gain the outer circle, when they will halt, until the signal for march is given by the horn as aforesaid, when the line will close to the inner circle, and there halt until they receive further orders to close if necessary.

4 *Resolved,* That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the chairman and Secretary, and published in both the papers in Kittanning.

JOHN DRUM, *Chairman.*

H. S. CHADWICK, *Secretary.*

GRAND CIRCULAR HUNT.

(Saturday Morning, March 22, 1828.)

At a meeting of the citizens of Armstrong and Washington townships, Indiana county, and Plumcreek township Armstrong county, held at the house of Jacob Downy, for the purpose of considering the utility of forming a circular Hunt within the said townships. The meeting was organized by appointing BENJAMIN WALKER, Sr. President, WILLIAM CALHOON, Vice President, and *William M'Laughlin* Secretary. On motion, it was *Resolved,* that Joseph Thomas, Jas. M'Cain, Robert Walker and James Armstrong be a committee to draft reso-

lutions for the consideration of the meeting, who reported the following:

1 *Resolved,* That the inhabitants of Indiana and Armstrong counties are respectfully invited to attend on *Friday* the 28th day of March inst. at 8 o'clock A. M. to assist in forming a line or circle, to commence at the house of Capt. Joseph Sharp, thence to Robert Walkers, on Crooked creek, to be in charge of Samuel Streams and John Armstrong; thence to where the state road crosses near Israel Thomas's, in charge of Samuel Walker, John Beatty and John Getty; thence to James Speddy's, in charge of John Cummins, John Borling and James Barnet; thence to Rapine's saw mill, in charge of Jas. Speddy, Thomas Hill and Jesse Marlin; thence to Moses M'Lain's in charge of Christian Hoover, William Johnston, Geo. M'Laughlin and Jas. Trimble; thence to Robert Woodward's mill, in charge of Moses M'Lain, Jacob Thomas, Garnet Thomas, and Bernard Miller; thence to Plumcreek bridge, in charge of Henry Fraley, David Ralston and Joseph M'Coy; thence to James Armstrong's, in charge of John Wingrove, Joseph Thompson and Capt. Alex. A. Lowry; thence to the place of beginning at Capt. Joseph Sharp's, in charge of Thomas Armstrong, James Walker and Thos. Carr.

2 *Resolved,* That all who wish to participate in the hunt be punctual to meet at the place where their respective sections commence, at 8 o'clock, A. M. and to move off at the orders of their respective officers at the blowing of the horns precisely at half past nine o'clock.

3 *Resolved,* That no horns be sounded till the general signal commences at Joseph Sharp's, when each commander on the right shall immediately sound, until the signal comes round to the place of beginning.

4 *Resolved,* That James Lowry, Matthew Mitchell, James Lewis and David Johnston, jun. be a committee to stake off the ground, to meet at the Chesnut level near Mr. James Lowry's, on the day previous to the hunt; the outer line to be one fourth of a mile from the centre, and the inner line where they shall think proper.

5 *Resolved,* That Major Alexander Pattison and William Barclay, Esq. be the general officers; and they are hereby invited to attend at 11 o'clock, to review the whole movements at the outer line.

6 *Resolved,* That no fire arms be on the ground, and that every person who can conveniently procure a horn be requested to bring it with him, and those who bring dogs are requested to have them tied, and not to let them loose till ordered by the general officers.

7 *Resolved,* That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the President, Vice President and Secretary, & published in the Indiana and Kittanning papers.

BENJAMIN WALKER, *Pres.*
WILLIAM CALHOON, *V. Pres.*
WM. M'LAUGHLIN, *Secretary.*

N. B. The general officers to appoint suitable persons to conduct the movement of the outer line. By order of the committee.

JOSEPH THOMAS,
JAMES M'CAIN,
ROBERT WALKER,
JAMES ARMSTRONG.

GRAND CIRCULAR HUNT.

(CLARION TOWNSHIP.)

(March 22 and 29, 1828.)

At a large and highly respectable meeting of the citizens of Clarion township, held at the house of Henry Riley in said township, on Friday the 14th inst. for the purpose of consulting on preparatory measures for a *Grand Circular Hunt* to be held in Clarion township. The meeting was organized by calling WILLIAM CURLL, Esq. to the Chair, and appointing *John Sloan, jr.* Secretary.

On motion of Capt. James Sloan, the following persons were appointed a committee to draft resolutions to be offered to the consideration of the meeting: Col. James Hasson, Captain James Sloan, Wm. Henry, sen. John Cochran, Col. John Sloan, Lieut. John M. Fleming, Wm. B. Fetzer, Henry Benn, Philip Heck, Robert Henry, Thomas Riley. The committee retired, and after some time returned and reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

1 *Resolved,* That the citizens of Clarion, Redbank and Toby townships be invited to turn out on Tuesday the 1st day of April, at 8 o'clock A. M. and to form a line or circle for the purpose of encompassing the bounds herein determined on, viz:—The line to commence at Reid's mill, on Pine creek, and continue up said creek to Samuel and John Sloan's mill, to be under the superintendance of John Sloan, jr. Christian Smethers, jr. Capt. John R. Clover, Jacob Miller, Capt. Geo. Rynerd, Wm. Kirkpatrick, Charles Sawyers, Marshal, Capt. James Sloan.—Thence to continue in a direct line to Wm. Carnahan's, on the Waterson road, to be under the superintendance of John Moorhead, William Maxwell, John B. M'Comb, Robert Lawson, Francis Hilliard, John Benn, marshal, Matthew Hosey. Thence along the Waterson road to the place of beginning, to be under the superintendance of James P. Reynolds, George Means, Esq. John Richard, Joseph Armstrong, Thomas Magee, John Magee, Marshal William B. Fetzer.

2 *Resolved,* That a general invitation be given to all who may wish to participate in the hunt; and they are requested to be punctual in attending at the extreme line at 8 o'clock, and not to move off until ordered by the officers. No horns to be blown until the line is directed to move, which will be precisely at half past 8, the signal to be given at the four points by a sound of the horn, when all the horns in the line are to be sounded; the line will then take a direct course to the centre, or a piece of ground staked off on Michael Trainer's farm, when it will be halted and formed into solid body by the general officers, & marched by them to the inner circle, when it will be again halted, kept in solid body, and remain unbroken until all the game is killed or taken, counted by the general officers, and to be taken into custody and sold by them to any person or persons who will give the highest price in cash.

3 *Resolved,* That the money arising from the sale of the game *be appropriated to the building of a bridge on Redbank creek, where the Olean road crosses said creek:* The general officers will appoint some person to receive the same and to be held by him until called on by the county commissioners, when the bridge is completed.

4 *Resolved,* That all persons bringing dogs must have them tied and led, until the lines arrive at the inner circle. No dog to be let loose until they receive orders to that effect from the general officers.

All persons residing within the boundary lines are requested to confine all dogs that are not taken to the lines, at home. All who can procure horns will be careful to take them along.

5 *Resolved,* That Henry Benn, Wm. Curll, Esq. Moses Kirkpatrick, Robert Travis, Isaac Fetzer, Samuel C. Orr, Esq. Capt. John Guthrie, John Mohney, John Ardery, Lewis Switzer, John C. Corbett, Esq. John Cribbs, David Lawson, Esq. & Michael Trainer, be the general officers, and they are hereby requested to attend at an early hour on the morning of the hunt, to stake off the lines: the outer line to be one fourth of a mile from the centre, the inner line wherever the general officers may think best.

6 *Resolved,* That the superintendants take their posts in the order in which their names are arranged in the 1st resolution; the first named to take his post at the place of starting at the beginning of the line; the next named to join him, and so on in succession until the end of the line. The superintendants and marshals to appoint as many aids as they may think proper; the marshals to be mounted to ride the lines. No person to carry fire arms.

7 *Resolved,* That all spiritous liquors be prohibited from being brought into the lines.

8 *Resolved,* That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the chairman and secretary, and published in the Kittanning papers.

WILLIAM CURLL, *Ch'n.*

JOHN SLOAN JR. *Secretary.*

CIRCULAR HUNT.

(ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP.)

(March 22 and 29, 1828.)

At a large and respectable meeting of the inhabitants of Allegheny township, Armstrong county, for the purpose of forming a circular line in said township, and destroying carniverous animals. It was unanimously *Resolved,* That the bounds be as follows:

Commencing at the mouth of Long Run on the Kiskiminetas, thence up said run to John Sherly's; thence to Jacob George's; thence in a straight line down Crooked creek to the mouth; thence down the Allegheny river to the mouth of Kiskiminetas, and up Kiskiminetas to the mouth of Longrum (place of beginning).

It was unanimously resolved, that Capt. Wm. Jack, John Kerr, James M'Allister and Robert Kriswell be appointed to mark out the closing inner circles, by strewing straw lightly round, at or near Robert Kriswell's, on Carnahan's run. The distance from the centre to the inner circle may be ¼ of a mile, and the outer circle ½ of a mile, both marked with straw, or blazing the trees.

It was resolved, that each captain shall take their stations at certain points, and the following gentlemen were appointed captains, viz:—Jacob Anderson, at the mouth of Long run; Michael Anderson, *river,* at his own dwelling; Samuel Miller, at Samuel Couch's; Jacob Shoemaker, at John Sherly's; Robert Ray at Jacob Snow's; Saml. George at Lent's improvement; John Householder at Jacob George's; Wm Fiskes at Crooked creek Saltworks; Michael Davis at Wright's mill; George Sprowl at Townsen's Saltworks; Clarke Haul at the mouth of Gallaher's run; George Gourley at Bear's run; John Beck at the mouth of Spencer's run; Big Robt. Walker at Walker's Salt well; Little Robert Walker at Richard's run; Mathias Wolf at Sugarcamp run, Joseph Wolf at Maple Ripple; James Robinson at Ross's run; James Brown (boatman) at the mouth of Crooked creek; Charles Dougherty at Paine's cabin; George Wolf at the mouth of Pine run; Hamilton Kelly at the mouth of Tailor's run; Peter Klingensmith at Pickle's; Samuel Walker at his dwelling; Michael Heckman at Cooper's Carding machine; Henry Wanamaker at Shaeffer's; Levi Hill at Lebarron's (point;) Jacob Hill at Hill's mill; Henry Klingensmith at Breneman's Salt works; John Parks at Leech's dam; Samuel Crosby at Morrow's Saltworks; Daniel Keppel at his dwelling; Henry Wilson at Jacob Fore's; Jacob Fore at his dwelling; John Martin at M'Kissick's; Wm. M'Kinstry at Warren; Wm. Jackson at Dunlaps's run; John Stoops at Bills's dam; John Horrell at Latshaw's Saltworks; Joseph Purse at Sterett's Saltworks; Robert Townsen at Oolam's ripple.—Every captain, when ready for march, will have all his men on his right.

The following is a list of those who were appointed Marshals or horsemen, with each his place of starting:

Isaac Townsen at the mouth of Long run; James Miller at Samuel Couch's; David Keers at Jacob Snow's; Wm. Keers at Jacob George's; John Wright at his mill; John Pitts at the mouth of Gallaher's run; Geo. A. King at the mouth of Spencer's run; Richard Graham at Richards' run; James M'Allister at Samuel Walker's; John Mechling at Maple ripple; John R. Johnston and Judge Ross at Ross's mill; James Ritchie at the mouth of Crooked creek; Joseph M. Jordan at George Wolf's; Joseph Mosgrove at the mouth of Pine run; Wm. Irwin at Kelly's Wm. M'Creery at Pickle's; Henry Drum at Walker's; John Drum at Cooper's carding machine; Andrew Arnold at King's Salt well; Philip Klingensmith at Lebarron's point; David Kuhns at Henry Wanamaker's; John Hill at Hill's mill; Johnston Canaan at Breneman's saltworks; John Everett at Leech's dam; Wm. B. Foster, jun. at Parks'; Philip Dally at Morrow's Saltworks; Thompson Crawford at Daniel Keppel's; Samuel Gordon at Henry Fore's; James Bell at M'Kissick's; Jacob M. Cartney at Warren; James M'Kinstry at the mouth of Dunlap's run; Samuel Craig at his dwelling; Hugh Bigham at Latshaw's John Johnston at Sterett's works; John Fuller at Webb's store.

We solicit all that can attend on the second Friday in April next, and hope every one will conduct their business well. The hour of the day on which they will meet, will be 8 o'clock in the morning. There shall be no guns or fire arms carried or fired during the hunt. We solicit all who attend to carry horns, whistles, bells or any thing to make a constant noise. —After advancing to the outer circle, all will halt until further orders from the Marshals.

In the issue of March 22 appeared the following paragraph:

We learn at the late hunt, in North Huntingdon township, twelve or fourteen foxes were taken, and in Donegal, ten or twelve. At the hunt near this place on Friday last, about the same number was taken. *West. Rep.*

NEW CIRCULAR HUNT.

(April 5 and 12, 1828.)

At a meeting of a number of the inhabitants of Sugarcreek township, held for the purpose of forming a circular line in said township, for the destruc-

tion of foxes and other destructive animals, it was

1 *Resolved,* That the bounds be as follows, viz: To commence at John Foster's on the road that leads from town to Waterson's ferry, and to proceed from thence to Jacob Hershey's; this part of the circuit shall be entrusted to the superintendance of Samuel Templeton as marshal, and James Elder, Thomas M'Kee & Thomas Templeton as captains. Then from Jacob Hershey's to Henry Wiles'; this part of the circuit will be superintended by James Adams as marshal, and Philip Myers, Joseph Wensel, David Philips and Joseph King as captains. The circuit will thence be continued to Thomas Hindman's, to be superintended by Chambers Orr and Dr. Samuel S. Wallace as marshals, and Henry Wiles, William Divinny, Saml. Broomfield, Daniel Black, Eneas M'Bride & Andrew Bulman, jun. as captains.—From Thomas Hindman's the circuit will be continued to Joseph Shields', to be superintended by John Shields as marshal, and Henry Pence, Samuel Templeton sen. and John Hindman, jr. as captains. The circuit will thence be continued to John McDowell's, thence to Thomas Miliken's, & thence to John Mateer's, to be superintended by Robert Patton as marshal on the first part of this route, and William Dickey, James Shields, and Conrad Helms as captains; on the second part, namely, from J. M'Dowell's to Thos. Milliken's by capt. James Scott as marshal, and John Cowan, jr. & John Herron as captains; and on the third division, reaching to John Mateer's, by Thomas Milliken as marshal, and John Milliken and William Montgomery as captains. The last part of the circle will be continued along the Waterson road from John Mateer's to John Foster's, to be superintended by Thomas Laird, Major John Templeton, and James Waterson, jr. in the order in which they are here named, as marshals; and John Montgomery, jr. Robert Wallace, Peter Fair, Martin John, jr. John Dickey, Jas. M'Latchey jun. and James Craig as captains; and it is to be understood that the marshals and captains will take their places in the order in which their names have been herein mentioned.

2 *Resolved,* That the closing ground be on that flat of woods between John Templeton's and Widow Blain's fields; and Robert Orr, sen. Esq. Ezekiel Lewis, John Brown, Esq. John Patton, Elisha Wicks, & Andrew M'Kee shall be a committee to mark out the inner closing circles, which shall be done early on the morning of the day on which the hunt will take place; the outer circle shall be a quarter of a mile from the centre; the inner at such distance as they shall consider best.

Resolved further, That the citizens of Sugarcreek and the neighboring townships of Armstrong and Butler counties be invited to attend early, between 7 and 8 o'clock A. M. on *Thursday, the 17th of next month (April.)* No horn shall be sounded until eight o'clock, when the signal for march will be given at John Foster's, and extend each way until the signal becomes general. No fire arms shall be permitted, nor any liquor until after the hunt be finished. No dogs shall be let loose until orders be given; and those who attend shall be provided with horns, bells and clubs as usual on similar occasions.

The proceedings of this meeting are requested to be published in both the Kittanning newspapers.

(Signed) ROBERT ORR, *Ch'n.*

JOHN BROWN, *Sec.*
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In the issue of April 5th we find:

Indiana, April 3.

Tuesday last was the day appointed for the Centre Hunt. At an early hour the lines were formed, and a long and loud peal of the Court-House bell announced the time for the general advance. At 12 o'clock the inner circle was formed; when information was speedily conveyed around the lines that a Wolf was encircled. Every man was on the alert, anxiously awaiting the nearer approach of the ferocious animal. After making several fruitless attempts to make his escape, he was simultaneously attacked by men and dogs, and after a short conflict he fell the trophy of his vigilant and eager adversaries. This fierce and bloody recontre being ended, and the temporary vacancy occasioned by it in particular parts of the circle, being filled up, at a report of a gun fired by one of the general officers, the whole line commenced its march to the centre circle, where it soon arrived in good order. The number of Foxes captured at the centre were seven; but we have since been informed that eight were taken after the company had dispersed, which was done in a manner becoming sober and humane victors. We have also been informed that a second Wolf was enclosed previous to the forming of the inner circle, but owing to the unfortunate kindness of a country lady, was permitted to escape. It was agreed by the general officers that the proceeds arising from the sale of the trophies, be given as a donation to the poor of Centre township. *Whig.*

CIRCULAR WOLF HUNT.

(April 5, 12 and 19, 1828.)

At a meeting of the citizens of the borough of Kittanning, held at the house of Mr. John Mechling, on Thursday the 3d inst. Mr. MICHAEL MECHLING was called to the chair, and *Simon Torney* and *James Thompson* were appointed secretaries: When, on motion, a committee of three, consisting of Dr. S. S. Neale, James Thompson and Robert Brown, Esq'rs were appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting.

After retiring a short time, the committee reported the following preamble and resolutions:

That whereas, it is within the knowledge of this meeting, that of late many depredations have been committed on sheep, poultry, &c. in the adjoining country by wolves, foxes, and other carniverous animals, and that for the purpose of destroying them, and preserving the property of the farmers, that a general "turnout" of the people, for the purpose of forming a *general hunt,* would contribute in a great degree to effect this end: Therefore,

Resolved, That the citizens of Kittanning and the neighboring townships be earnestly requested to attend a general hunt on *Saturday, the 19th inst.*

Resolved, That a committee of eight be appointed to make the necessary regulations for conducting with regularity said hunt; whereupon, Philip Mechling, Fredk. Rohrer, Dr. S. S. Neale, Simon Torney, James E. Brown, Thomas Blair, J. M. Jordan and John R. Johnston, Esquires, were appointed said committee.

The committee met, and made the following regulations:

Commencing at the mouth of Piney creek, thence to the mouth of Cowanshannock—captains, Daniel Guld, sen. John Campbell, James Patton, Gasper

Tarr, John Quigly—marshals, Wm. Templeton, Wm. L. Peart, Isaac M'Connell, Thomas Donaldson.

From the mouth of Cowanshannock to Kittanning—captains, Robert Patrick, sen. Daniel Lemmon, Thomas Irwin, James Gibson, John Hollebaugh, John Bowser (big)—marshals, Joseph M. Jordan, Fredk. Rohrer and Arch'd Dickey.

From Kittanning to the mouth of Fort run—captains, Walter Sloan, David M'Kelvy, Thomas M'Master, Isaac Wible, John Cook, George Simpson, Jacob Williard, and Joseph Stivenson—marshals, Joseph Brown, David Crawford, John P. Brown and Alexander Colwell.

From the mouth of Fort run to the mouth of Crooked creek—captains, Levi Green, Geo. Shaeffer, Matthew Conner, Jacob Iseman, Nathaniel Campbell, Geo. Munroe, Wm. Sloan—marshals, John Monroe, James Green sen. James Sloan and Alexander Reynolds.

From the mouth of Crooked creek to Walker's mill—captains, Samuel Green, jr. Geo. Wolf, Jacob Williams, James Rowlands, Charles Daugherty, James Robinson, Michael Richards, Peter Echinger, Daniel Hileman, Mathias Wolf, John Howser and Jacob Hileman—marshals, Geo. Ross, John Mechling, Philip Klingensmith.

From Walker's mill to the mouth of Cherry run—captains, John Walker, James Kilgore, Robert Walker, (big) Wm. Hurtman, Joshua Spencer, John Beck, John Robb, (dutch) Clark Hall, Isaac Wagle, jr. John King, Geo. A. King, John Wright—marshals, Geo. Gourley, James Hall, Michael Shall, John Weigley, Simon Torney, Wm. Irwin.

From the mouth of Cherry run to where the old road crosses Cherry run, near John Nolder's—captains Henry Davis, Peter Schotts, Israel Shall, John Schottz, John Fox, James Nolder, John Nolder—marshals, George Peter Shaeffer, Anthony Montgomery, Anthony Helffreigh, Jacob Mechling, Solomon Hileman.

From the old road, up Cherry run, to Archibald M'Intosh's—captains, Samuel Nolder, James Moore, John Robb, Daniel Ruffner, Saml. Sturgeon, Fredk. Hileman, George Howser—marshals, John Hileman, Wm. Coulter, J. S. C. Woodward, John R. Johnston, James Ritchart, John Reynolds.

From Archibald M'Intosh's to M'Bride's mill—captains James Lewis, David Olinger, Robert Nowry, Hugh Blainy, John Hileman, jr. John Williams, John Cravenor, Samuel Beer, jr. Francis Roop, Thomas Beer, Maurice Bowers—marshals Arch'd M'Intosh, Henry M'Bride, Robert Woodward, Jesse Williams, Philip Mechling, Geo. W. Smith, Isaac Scott and Robert Speer.

From M'Bride's mill to Beck's mill by the township line—captains Hamlet Totten, James Craig, Wm. M'Gahey, Martin Schrecongost, Archibald M'Gahey, Philip Cravenor, Jacob Mackafoos, Peter Schrecongost, Geo. Cravenor jr.—marshals, Alex. Foster, S. S. Neale, Henry Schrecongost, T. Struthers, John Calhoon, Stophel Schrecongost.

From Beck's mill to Col. Robert Walker's—captains Adam Beck, Moses Dill, Alex. Oliver, Alex. M'Ilwain, Abraham Zimmerman, Geo. Waggeman, Frederick Yockey, John Davis, Benj. Anthony, Alexander White—marshals James White, Jacob Beck, Robert Walker, Noah Calhoon, James M'Cullough, Joseph Mosgrove.

From Robert Walker's to the mouth of Piney creek—captains, William White, David White, Alexander M'Allister, George Wilt, Robert Patrick, Jr. Benjamin Peart, Anthony Schrecongost, Jacob Schrecongost, Jr. James Walker, James Eaton, Jacob Kness, George Forsythe, William Richison—marshals, Thos. Taylor, Samuel Mechling, Josiah E. Stevenson, John Mosgrove, Michael Truby, Jr. Andrew Donaldson, Jonathan Yount.

To meet at 8 o'clock in the morning of the 19th of this month.

The captains will be particular to place themselves in the line in the order they are named, with their commands on the right. The signal will be given at Becks mill precisely at 8 o'clock in the morning, and will be continued round to the right and left, which will be the signal for marching. No horns will be blown until the signal is given.

That the closing ground be on the farm of Richard Graham; and the following named persons are appointed general officers to lay off the ground, viz: Robert Brown, David Johnston, Samuel Matthews, Esq'rs. Geo. Williams, Richard Graham, Jacob Houser, Adam Olinger, Michael Blose, and Benjamin Schrecongost, whose duty it shall be to mark out the inclosing circles, which shall be done early in the morning of the day on which the hunt shall take place. The outer circle shall be a quarter of a mile from the centre, the inner at such distances as they shall consider best.

No fire arms will be permitted; each man will be particular to arm himself with a good club, horns, bells, rattles, &c. &c. Dogs taken must be led, and in no case let loose till orders to that effect be given by the commanding officers.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Columbian and Gazette.

MICHAEL MECHLING, *Ch'n.*

SIMON TORNEY,
JAMES THOMPSON,
Secretaries.

TOBY TOWNSHIP CIRCULAR HUNT.

(April 5, 1828.)

At a meeting of a number of the inhabitants of Toby township, convened at the house of Matthew Hozey, on Thursday the 3d instant, to agree on measures preparatory to a circular hunt, Dr. JOHN M. RANKIN, was appointed chairman, & DAVID LAWSON, secretary, when the following arrangement and resolutions were unanimously agreed to.

Resolved, That the inhabitants of Sugar creek, Perry, Clarion and Redbank townships, are respectfully invited to accompany the inhabitants of Toby township, on *Friday the 11th instant,* at 8 o'clock, A. M. to assist in forming a line or circle, commencing at John M'Gee's; thence to Mortimer's mill, James M'Gee & Thomas M'Clure captains, Alex. M'Kain, Esq. marshal. Thence to Thomas Conner's; Christopher Truby, jr. John Conner, Simeon Truby, Nicholas Walley, captains, John Miller, jr.—marshal. —Thence to John C. Kissinger's; David M'Kibbin, Robert Platt, Samuel Crow, Lewis Greenewalt, captains, Nicholas Eykus, marshal. Thence to Alexander Moorhead's; John C. Kissinger, Thomas Saxon, Adam Creek, Thomas Hagerty, captains, Benj. Coe, Esq. marshal. Thence to Andrew Hozey's, Wm. Thompson jr. Wm. Rankin, captains, Richard Reynolds, marshal.—Thence to Jacob Weaver's; James P. Reynolds, David Reynolds, William Coursen, Samuel Austin, captains, John M. Rankin, marshal. Thence to the mouth of Weaver's run; P. Lobough,

Henry Rigle, captains; George Means, marshal. Thence to John Lawson's, John Ben, Jacob Brown, Wm. Maxwell, Alex. Blair, jr. Jacob Bash, captains, John B. M'Comb, marshal.—Thence to John Reed's; Stephen Fiddler, John Blair, Charles Flick, captains, Alex. Duncan, marshal. Thence to James Watterson's; Oliver Gray, John Gold, Andrew Earley, James Craig, James Rankin, John Lawson, Geo. Buzzard, Henry Watterson, Isaac Hull, David Mortimer, Geo. Hawk, captains, Wm. Randolph John Buzzard, John Reed, Matthew Hozey, marshals. Thence to the beginning at John M'Gee's, David Rankin, Robt. Newel, Walker Elder, captains, James Waterson, marshal. The captains to station themselves in the order in which they are named.

Resolved, That all who wish to participate in the hunt, are requested to be punctual in attending at some of the points on the extreme line, precisely at 8 o'clock, A. M. and the officers to have their lines formed and ready to move at half past 8 o'clock, at which time the horns are to be sounded, and not before, the signal sound for march to be first given at John M'Gee's; all proceeding in a direct course to the centre, on the farm of Joseph Rankin, Esq. all halting at the outer line until they are properly formed, and marched by the marshals being dismounted to the inner line, the signal to halt to be given by the firing of a gun, and there remain until all the game are killed.

Resolved, That James Hunter, D. Lawson, Benj. Rankin, James Carson and Wm. Thompson, be a committee to mark out the ground in such manner as they may think best, one of whom shall fire the signal gun, after which signal any person is at liberty to kill any dog let loose without orders from some of the said committee.

Resolved, That all captains shall wear a white bandage round their hats, no horns shall be carried by a marshal, and no spiritous liquor will be permitted to be sold within the bounds of the hunt at the risk of losing their casks, and such other penalty as the law will inflict.

Resolved, That all dogs must be led during the hunt, and the owners of all dogs in the bounds of the hunt other than those which are led, are requested to confine them until the hunt is ended.

Resolved, That all persons attending this hunt are considered as subscribing to the above resolutions, and are hereby bound to abide by their provisions.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to mark out the centre circle, be a committee for the purpose of disposing of the proceeds of the hunt, to such humane charitable or other purpose or purposes as they may think proper

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the chairman and secretary, and published in the papers of this county.

JOHN M. RANKIN, Chairman.
DAVID LAWSON, Secretary.

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